



Marilyn Waring and the United Nations System of National Accounts

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How can economics aid our understanding of how gender works in society and of the relationship between market and non-market activity? This paper cites the example of Professor Marilyn Waring and her path-breaking book *If Women Counted: A New Feminist Economics* (1988). The origins of that book, and the research it required, illustrate how gendered innovation in the social sciences may not fit the Popper-Kuhn-Lakatos model of paradigm change, but can emerge from the breaking of new ground by a researcher embedded within a community of activists grappling with major issues of social inequality. This has implications for future economics research agendas focused on the wellbeing of people (rather than on gross domestic product), which cannot be gender blind to be effective.

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This discussion forms part of the ***Gendered Innovations in the Social Sciences*** conference (7 - 9 November). Panel presentations on gender and economics will be held after Professor Dalziel's talk on Wednesday 9th November, including presentations from Julie Smith, Siobhan Austin, Huong Dinh, Lyndall Strazdins, & Jenny Welsh.

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