



The gender of general interest

Usages and (re)appropriations of the French civic service program

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Abstract: The civic service program offers young people a social engagement within a non-profit structure. This article proposes to analyze this program, strongly feminized, as a continuum of the appropriation of women's free labor in the name of the general interest. Surpassing the rhetoric of social utility, we will show how this program turns out to be a precarious pre-employment policy, not having the same meaning for the volunteers according to social categorization. Doing so, it contributes to the classification upstream of the labor market.

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