

Energy poverty and gender

- ♦ Growing recognition of gendered energy inequalities
- ♦ The distinction between ‘women and energy’ and ‘gender and energy’ remains unclear
- ♦ ‘Empowerment’ is used to refer to women’s participation in economic activities
- ♦ Proliferation of ‘gender myths’ originating in feminist research and insights from specific contexts or places, but turned into sweeping generalisations ([Cornwall and Whitehead 2007](#))
- ♦ Romanticised notions of women, care and home making
- ♦ Energy technologies and interventions are constructed as agents of ‘gender equality’ (Listo 2018)

Conflation of ‘gender’ and ‘sex’ in existing energy studies:

Addressing energy as a biological conception of sex, or else simplistically equate gender with a masculine/feminine binary can reinforce essentializing gender myths. (Fathallah and Pyakurel 2020:n.p.)