ABSTRACT

GENDER MAINSTREAMING AND THE WOMEN'S MOVEMENTS
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My thesis is that Gender Mainstreaming is the symptom of a development that indicates
- a professionalisation of parts of the women's movement that is leading to
- profound changes in the relationship between feminist movements and the state, between grassroots
groups and feminist state politics.
I will summarize the discussion on Gender Mainstreaming in Germany. On the ground of arguments
by academics, women working in non-governmental organizations and state actors, I will try to trace
the new relationship between state feminism and the women's movement and discuss the
implications this has for the effort to achieve equal opportunities for women.