ABSTRACT

THE NATIONAL SURVEY ON THE INSTITUTIONALISATION OF WOMEN AND/OR GENDER STUDIES IN FRANCE, RESULTS AND PROPOSITIONS FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE FIELD

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The communication presents the results of a national research project on the institutionalisation of Women studies and/or Gender studies in France. This survey, conducted during the autumn and the winter 2002-2003, was financed by the Ministry of Education and the national Women’s Rights Bureau and it aimed to identify existing teaching and research programs in the field of women and gender studies. We will illustrate the current French situation first by showing the development of Women studies in the different Universities and regions; then by portraying their significance in the different levels of education (undergraduate and postgraduate studies) and finally by describing their distribution among the different disciplines. Special attention is drawn to the situations where the development of the women studies has been successful as well as to the fields where they are still lacking. We will then propose explanations to this relatively slow and difficult institutionalisation process of Women/Gender studies in the French academia. Our final objective is to suggest new actions for the further development of Women studies in the French academic system.