

theme (v) Gender and Parliamentary Representation

Title: Adding Women and Stirring: Issues in Gender and Parliamentary Representation in the Caribbean

Abstract: Ideas of gender equality have consistently included the notion of having gender balanced parliamentary representation. Such concerns are generally raised in each gender policy being crafted over the last decade. With a heightened consciousness now of the unequal status of women in society concerns are generally raised about their around their greater visibility in parliamentary positions. What difference does it make if more women are included in parliament and what have been some of the steps taken in the region to address the vast gender imbalances that still exist. This paper draws from case studies including those from Guyana, Cayman Islands, Dominica and Trinidad and Tobago to ponder on some of the practical and strategic results of incorporating gender as a category of analysis in governance.

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