Women across the Mediterranean. A Gender Perspective on International Protection

Abstract: The feminist critique of the alleged neutrality of asylum law has a long established tradition, yet the issue of international protection in a gender perspective is still marginal among Italian legal scholars. The article addresses the issue by contextualising recent changes in legislation within international debates and judicial developments at national level. By drawing on a case study based on the asylum procedures of 56 Nigerian women, the article also discusses how the legal discourse embodies and reproduces gendered hierarchies.

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