



Professor Patricia Mohammed: Reflections on Policy Making

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Abstract

This interview with Professor Patricia Mohammed highlights her reflections on more than 20 years in gender policy making across the Caribbean. It includes her experiences within the field, with a focus on how the process of gender policy making expanded her understanding of Caribbean society in unique ways. It explores the importance of forming relations with those in the state, on building consensus as part of the process of policy development and how to address the challenge of difference within the Caribbean. This interview provides an important and personal source of knowledge for Caribbean students, thinking about the benefits and contributions of gender policy making as well as the lessons that can be learned in order to continue working within the field. It also forms part of the “Making of Caribbean Feminisms”, which is a research theme of the IGDS, St. Augustine Unit, dedicated to documenting the lives and contributions of Caribbean feminists and the development of Caribbean feminisms.

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