

3. Género e condições de vida

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This paper focuses on the intersection of gender and social inequalities. Based on in-depth qualitative interviews in Porto, Portugal, my research draws on the experiences of migrant women from Latin America. It inquires into narratives of women from Brazil and Hispanic Latin America and how they respond to the opportunities and challenges in their situated lives. Informed by their diverse experiences, my research examines how complex historical and present-day circumstances can influence social relations between host cultures and specific groups of migrant women. There is growing scholarly work related to the challenges Brazilian women face in Portugal, some highlighting how Brazilian women confront discrimination in the form of hyper-sexualization and racialization in Portugal^[1]. Portugal is receiving a growing number of migrants from Hispanic Latin America, and this research offers insight into the lived experiences of Hispanic migrant women. While aiming to build on previous work in this area and continue to explore the nexus between gender, migration, and social inequalities, my research does not presume to speak to the experiences of all migrant women in Portugal, even within the two groups included in this project. My interviews indicate that intersecting identity factors explicitly impact women's lives, such as nationality, citizenship or legal status, appearance, race, level of education, access to financial resources, and family status.

Additionally, migrant women are in a more precarious position to confront the deteriorating living conditions resulting from national and global financial struggles, as gender intersects with other identity factors that can lead to increased precarity and inequality. Many women have found unique ways to respond to these challenges, such as engaging in networking, forming organizations, volunteering, or engaging in activist work. Nevertheless, the marginalization of migrant women from Brazil, in particular, is pervasive and reflects diverse social justice challenges.

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