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Unmasking the Gendered Power Play in Feminist Foreign Policy - Why It Is Breaking Boundaries, But Not Chains?

A Comprehensive Analysis of Sweden's Feminist Foreign Policy through its Arms Exports Industry

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Abstract

The focus of this research is in the area of feminist foreign policy and arms exports. The purpose of this research was to outline objectives driving feminist foreign policy in light of its arms sector identifying hurdles to successful delivery of the former. The research methods used include qualitative data analysis of the empirical findings of Sweden's feminist foreign policy, and quantitative data analysis of the democratic status of Pakistan, its gender gap index, and gender-based violence rates. The findings from this research provide evidence that Sweden does not align with its feminist foreign policy objectives and goals in the arms exporting sector, showing poor adherence to democratic status of recipient states, and the risk of illicit arms trade and proliferation linked to gender-based violence. The dissertation recommends that further empirical research constituting to links between Sweden's arms exports and gender-based violence in non-democratic states and conflicts.