



## **A Study of Status and Importance of Woman Role in Socioeconomic Development with Emphasis on “Women Economic Participation” Approach in Iran**

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### **Abstract**

Reaching a sustainable development in the society would be unattainable without regarding the status of woman and family. The socioeconomic participation of women is one of the most frequent issues in both development literature and social sciences in Third-World countries. The impact of using women in the cultural, social and economic development as an indicator of being developed will be discussed in the development literature. This paper is going to explain the women role in the socioeconomic development; for this purpose, there will firstly be a discussion about the reasons and areas of woman participation in socioeconomic issues and its subsequent change in the cultural, social and economic structures. Then, the history of woman participation in social issues will be presented. Next, the theories of woman economic participation will be investigated; these theories are as follow: neoclassic approaches, human resource approaches, dual labor market model, reasonable choice and non-discriminating factors. The results and implications of woman participation in social and economic areas including identity changes, sense of satisfaction and the influence on the family economy will be explained; finally, based on the previous studies, the process of social and economic activities of women in Iran will be determined through comparing the current theories and the status quo.