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In an era characterized by data globalization, there are paradoxically, a shortage of literature on the social impact of globalization, technology diffusion, and gender disparity. The new information and knowledge society may, in fact, aggravate the development and poverty gap instead of closing it. The cultural construction of knowledge exacerbates class, ethnic, and gender divides, and ICT has contributed to this problem.

Globalization, Technology Diffusion and Gender Disparity: Social Impacts of ICTs discusses theoretical aspects of gender issues in ICT and presents a number of case studies from various countries. Covering topics such as social networking, ICT use among women, the digital divide, and theoretical approaches to gender gaps and ICT, this book aims to provide a strong foundation on ICT and digital equity that will be useful to a broad audience comprised of students, researchers, and policymakers.

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