Discourse Analysis as a Tool for Understanding Gender Identity, Representation, and Equality

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Discourse Analysis as a Tool for Understanding Gender Identity, Representation, and Equality provides a thorough analysis of what language use and linguistic expression can teach us about gender identity in addition to current discussions on topics related to women’s rights and gender inequality. Focuses on issues related to women in developing countries, workplace inequalities, and social freedom.

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