

Gender, Social Reproduction and International Political Economy

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Social reproduction and reproduction

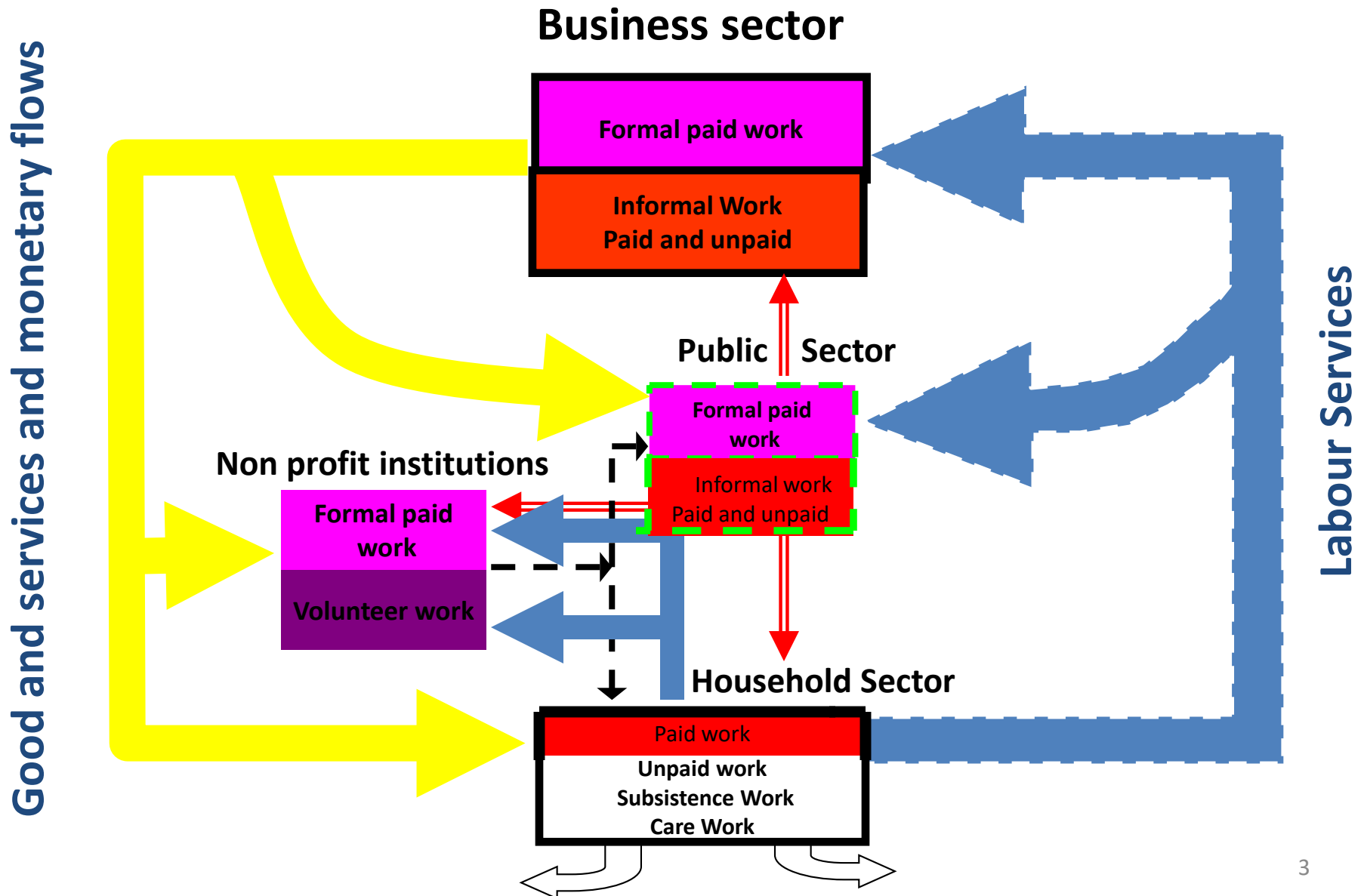
Edholm, Harris, Young (1977) define three different reproductions:

- social reproduction : 'the reproduction of the conditions of social production in their totality'
- reproduction of the labour force
- human or biological reproduction

Mackintosh (1981) defines three different reproductions

- social reproduction: 'the process by which all the main relations in the society are constantly recreated and perpetuated.....contradiction ridden and unstable'
- production of labour: 'not merely the bearing of children...but also their care and socialization, and the maintenance of adult individuals throughout their lives.....a contradiction- ridden process, often threatened with failure' . Requires both paid and unpaid work.
- human reproduction: 'generally taken to centre on relations of marriage and kinship'

Unpaid Work and the Market Economy



Matrix for Analysis of Gender Dimensions of the Financial Crisis in Developing Countries

Economic Sphere /Economic Process	Transmission from the 'global North'	Impact	Response
Finance <i>Gender numbers</i> <i>Gender norms</i>	<i>Domestic bank problems</i> <i>Capital flight</i> <i>Devaluation</i> <i>Fall in FDI</i>	<i>Credit squeeze</i> <i>Fall in investment</i> <i>Fall in asset prices</i>	<i>Support for banks</i> <i>Direction of bank credit</i> <i>Controls on capital outflows</i> <i>Loan from IMF, World Bank etc</i> <i>Reduction in borrowing</i>
Production: Formal and Informal <i>Gender numbers</i> <i>Gender norms</i>	<i>Fall in export demand</i>	<i>Fall in output</i> <i>Fall in employment</i> <i>Fall in earnings</i> <i>Fall in enjoyment of labour rights</i>	<i>Fiscal stimulus-selected subsidies and tax breaks</i> <i>Increase in people seeking informal paid work_</i>
Reproduction <i>Gender numbers</i> <i>Gender norms</i>	<i>Fall in remittances</i> <i>Returning migrants</i>	<i>Fall in earnings</i> <i>Fall in nutrition</i> <i>Fall in school attendance</i>	<i>Increase in social protection transfers</i> <i>Cuts in social sector investment</i> <i>Increase in unpaid work</i>

Forms of depletion of capabilities

- Preventable death
- Malnutrition
- Exhaustion
- Mental illness
- School drop out
- Atrophy of skills
- Alienation