# GENDER STUDIES IN COMMUNICATION DEGREES

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IV Beijing Conference Need to promote gender equality and empowerment of women through the media

## INTRODUCTION



**Poor implementation of the objectives,** also in the university environment



Project «Mapping Educational Strategies for Creating Gender-sensitive Journalism, Media, and ICT Curriculums»

### **OBJECTIVE**

Identify the subjects in Communication Studies curricula explicitly promoting gender equality in the media and ICTs — in Spanish Degrees

- elements that define them - relevance



### **METHODOLOGY**

Ex-post facto research with nonexperimental approach; descriptive orientation towards improvement

Qualitative data analysis - curricula (ATLAS.ti)

Panel of experts



### **RESULTS**

- 165 Graduate Degrees in the field of Communication, 2017-2018
- 22 subjects explicitly promote gender equality
- 16 different names in the curricula.
  75% based on combinations

Panel of experts: little progress in the development of curricula

- between «gender» and «communication»
- Feminist critical theory is the dominant approach in all the syllabi

### CONCLUSIONS



Little presence of this type of subjects



Higher percentage of those subjects in public universities

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Minimal relevance as compulsory subject

Endorsement for forthcoming changes of curricula in the European Higher Education Area context



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