

# **Fuori dalle gabbie di sesso e genere?**

## **Per cenni sintetici, con uno sguardo sulle donne**

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*Out of the Cage of Sex and Gender? In Brief, with a View to Women*

*Abstract:* In this article, I take a look in particular to the gender ‘woman,’ by means of public choices, both philosophical and everyday, which affect the biological conception of sex. These choices are imbued with prejudices which derive from the biological dualism of female/male and the gender dualism of woman/man, that have often discredited feminine (women’s?) sexuality, knowledge, stability. My focus is the concept or stereotype of gender, which is undoubtedly normative. Philosophy deals with normativity. However, at least in Italy, sciences or pseudo-sciences such as sociology, psychology of reasoning and psychoanalysis, which are sciences of a descriptive nature, deal with gender. This gives rise to a tension between the normative and the descriptive. Two questions arise: one, is the concept of gender, “although normative,” a valid concept or is it instead misleading? Two, does gender mislead us also in the effects it produces on the biological concept of sex? As a result, does this complex mechanism perhaps prevent each human being from investigating one’s complex personal identity, including one’s sexual orientation? Does it leads one not to be oneself?

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