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## **Silenced Subjectivities: Demystifying the Limits of International Child Marriage Discourse**

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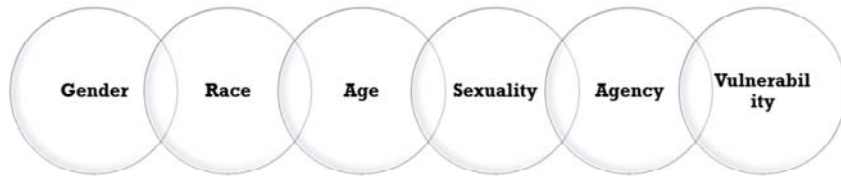
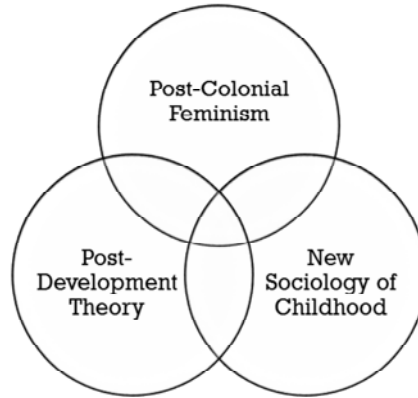
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*RQ: To what extent do  
representations of child marriage  
silence the diversity and  
subjectivities behind the  
practice?*

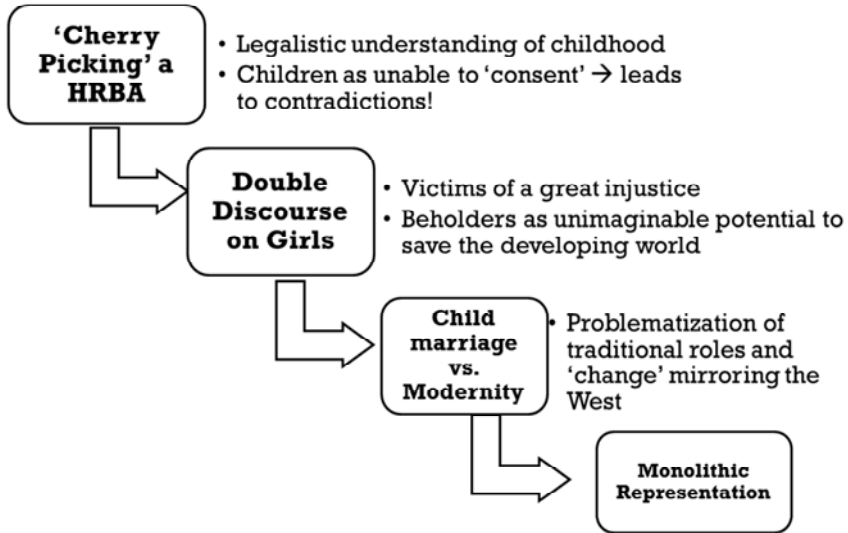


- 1) What “truths” are created within the Girls Not Brides global partnership literature about child marriage with regards to age, gender and race?
- 2) What assumptions about childhood, vulnerability, agency and sexuality drive this representation?
- 3) What contradictions are created within this discourse?

# + Theoretical Perspective



# + Reaching the Limit: The Single Story of Child Marriage



## + Concluding Remarks



- Question taken-for-granted representations in policy and practice, and the silent agendas they may be pushing
- Consider the material consequences of the 'truths' we create about girls and the developing world
- Stop oversimplifying the message and **let our ideas be guided by experience rather than assumptions**

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**THANK YOU VERY MUCH!**



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