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1 General Introduction and Guide to the Bibliography

The concept of Women's Studies, the academic extension of the contemporary American Women's Movement, refers to a new interdisciplinary field of research and teaching which focuses on the specific situation of women in a patriarchal society. The Library of the John F. Kennedy Institute at the Free University Berlin, the largest American Studies library in Europe, has selected Women's Studies as one of its special collections and has since 1973 made a concentrated effort in buying old and new books, pamphlets, magazines, and journals by and about women.

The two volumes of this bibliography contain the complete Women's Studies holdings (as books and on microfilm) of the John F. Kennedy Institute Library up to November 1, 1976.¹ Both volumes were put together with the aim to introduce Women's Studies to students and scholars in the field of American Literature and American Studies at other German and European universities as well as to students and scholars of other disciplines in general.

Volume I presents the field of the social sciences. Volume II concentrates on women in American literature and culture. It encompasses literary productions of American female authors - thereby furnishing a valuable basis for research with regard to one of the most challenging questions of feminist literary criticism - as well as scholarly and non-scholarly books on women in literature and the arts. In order to give a complete listing of the works that refer to these two topics two sections of volume I (section B 13 and 14) have been reprinted in volume II. Part 2 of the present volume represents a supplement to volume I, containing the material that has been acquired since the publication of the first volume.

(1) The bibliography does not contain the fictional works by women which are included in the Wright American Fiction Series on microfilm, since the number of the works listed (ca. 4600 books by female authors) would require a separate volume.

In general, the bibliography follows the classifications used by the John F. Kennedy Institute Library. Minor adjustments have been made at some points according to the new concepts and research topics of Women's Studies.

The abbreviations used in the bibliography refer to:

- [Versch.Ausg.] = apart from the edition listed the library holds a number of other editions of the same book which are not specified in the bibliography
- [ACS] = also available as part of the American Culture Series on microfilm

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