

# Abstract

This study uses qualitative data to examine how male and female professionals in newsrooms experience and vocalize gender both in their lifeworlds and in media production in general. The research was based on semi-structured interviews with 18 Portuguese journalists. The responses were analysed through phenomenological and feminist lenses and indicated the issues men and women considered salient or negligible within our realms of inquiry. The study used the lived experience of the media professionals to identify two clusters of meaning that help explain how material practices and norms in journalism are lived and understood in the newsroom: *gender views in journalism* and *gender differences in day-to-day professional life*. Overall, the findings confirm that organizational factors and the traditional gender system play important roles in journalists' attitudes and perceptions about the role of gender in their work. The results are significant because they show how gender is simultaneously embodied and denied by both female and male journalists in a process of phenomenological "typification" and adoption of a "natural attitude" towards the gender system that may prevent the disclosure of new possibilities and understandings of the objective social world and of our gender relations.

## KEYWORDS

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