

# Gender and Migration

**Migration and Identity**  
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# The Gender Lens

## **Content & context**

- informed by
  - shaped by
  - biased toward
- perspectives or experiences of gendered groups

## **Sex & Gender**

- Cultural norms (gender, sex & sexuality)
  - Gender roles
  - Gender & Age
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# Historical lens

- His-story
- Writer's position of privilege
- Time/space compression
- Historical context
  - Access to justice
  - Gender & social position



# Feminization of Migration Lens

Women as temporary and permanent migrants

Conditionalities

- residence- spouse-based
- labor- employer-based

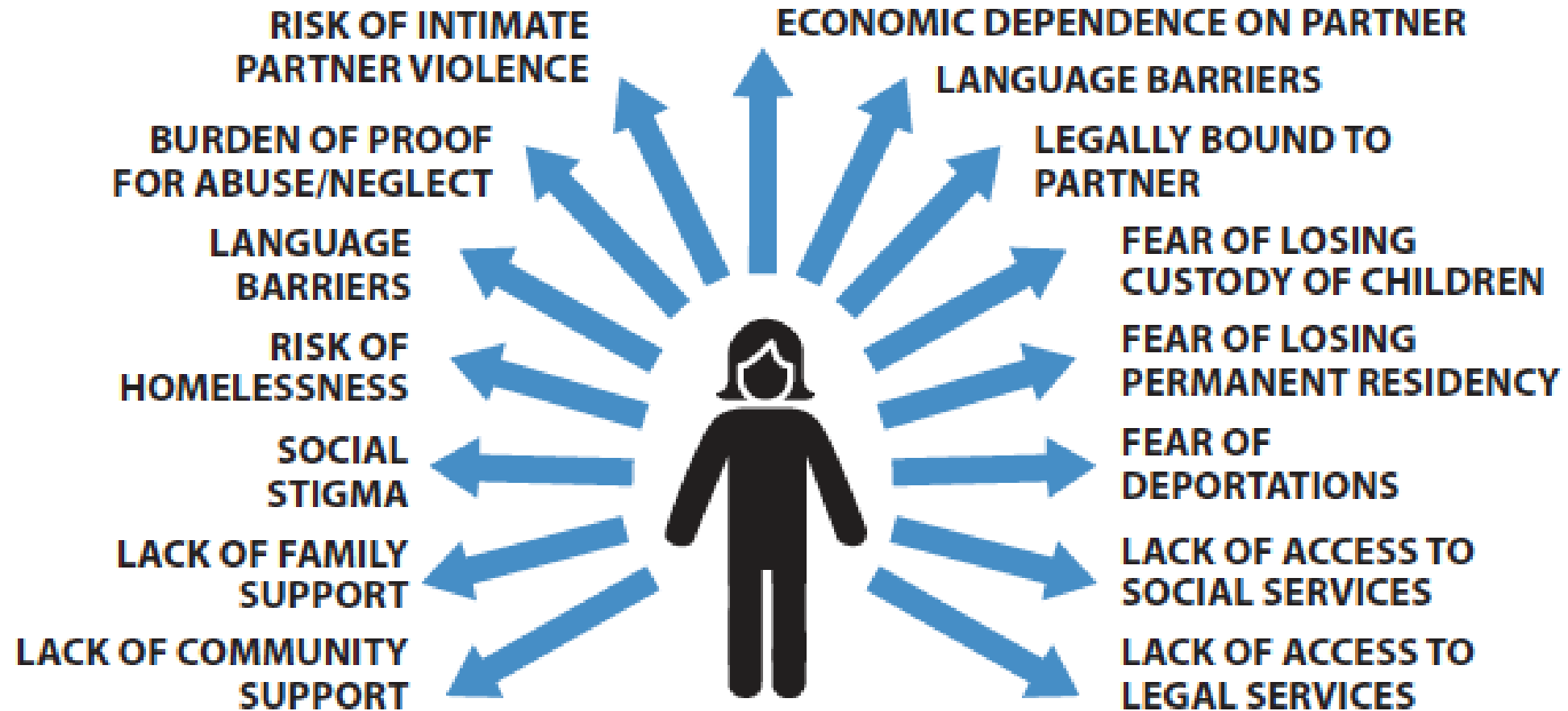
Dependency norms

Citizenship and social rights

**Cultural gender roles**

Women as transmitters of culture

# The Vulnerability Lens



# The Precarity lens

## Experiences

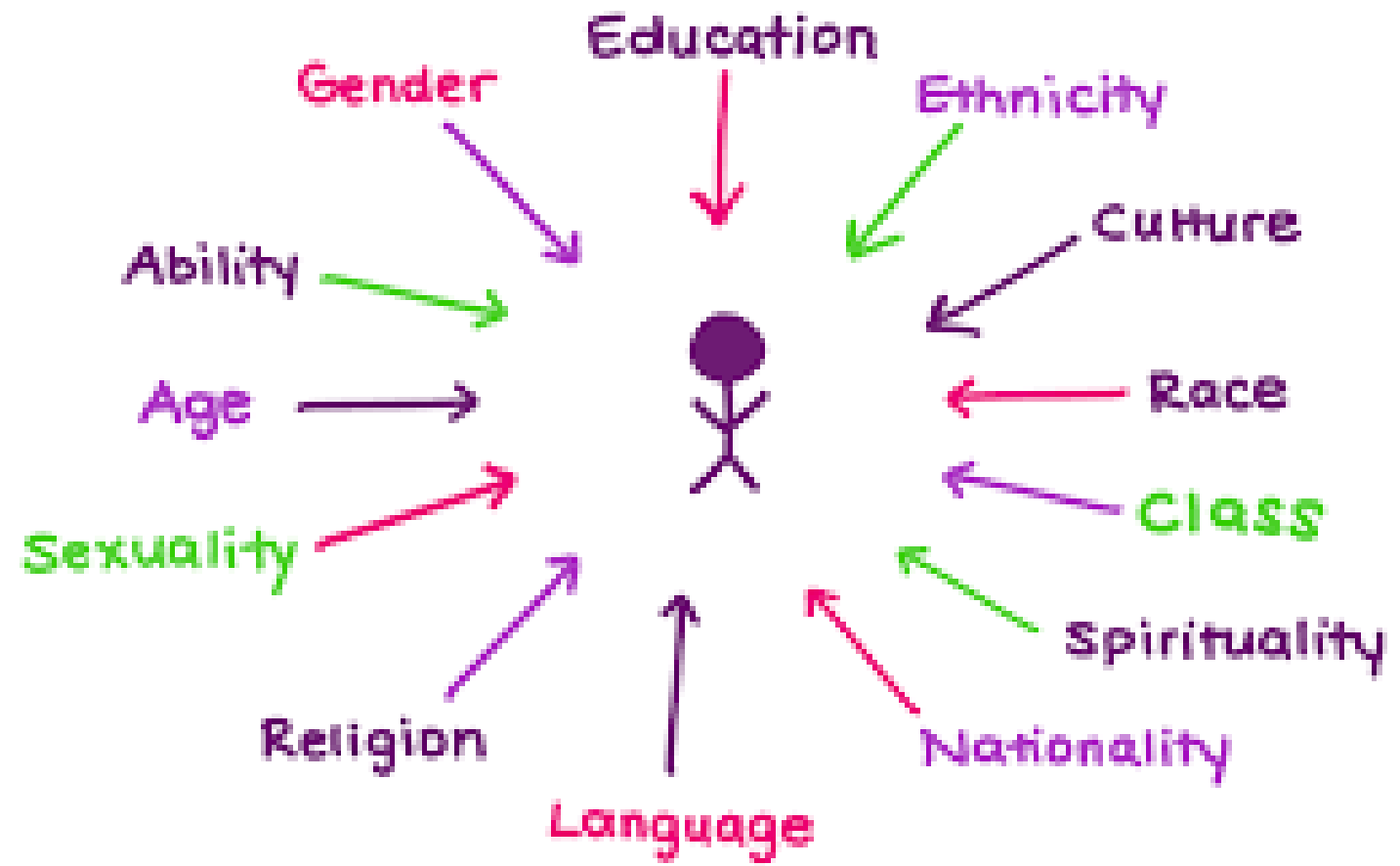
- at origin
- in transit
- at destination
- return
- Risks and consequences of abuses (i.e. labour, human rights, gender-based violence, etc.)
- Recourse to assistance, justice and remedy
- Citizenship, rights and protections



# The Liberation Lens

- Migration as a liberating experience
- Gender and power
- Autonomy
- Income-generation and financial independence
- Resistance
- Social activism and voice
  - i.e. gender-based discrimination

# Intersectionality





# The Policy Lens

## **Canada 2008-2014, most active period of policy change**

- Family Reunification, Economic, Humanitarian & Citizenship
- Feminist policy "advocates for progressive approaches to migration and refugee assistance"

## **European Feminist Foreign Policies**

- implications for gender and migration & Bilateral agreements
- Sweden (2014-2022), France (2019), Germany (2021), Luxembourg (2021), Spain (2021)

## **Canada & Europe**

- mainstreaming gender perspectives
- gender equality
- Feminist Policy Assumptions- Western Women's perspectives, women's agency
- **Protection policies**
- **Social protection policies**

