

GENDER AND NUCLEAR ISSUES

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Does gender make a difference?

1. Gender gap in nuclear power
2. Gender risk perception
3. Feminist ideology

Gender gap

- Women more than man are opposed to:

construction of new
nuclear power plants

use of nuclear power to
generate electricity

replacing the nuclear
power plants

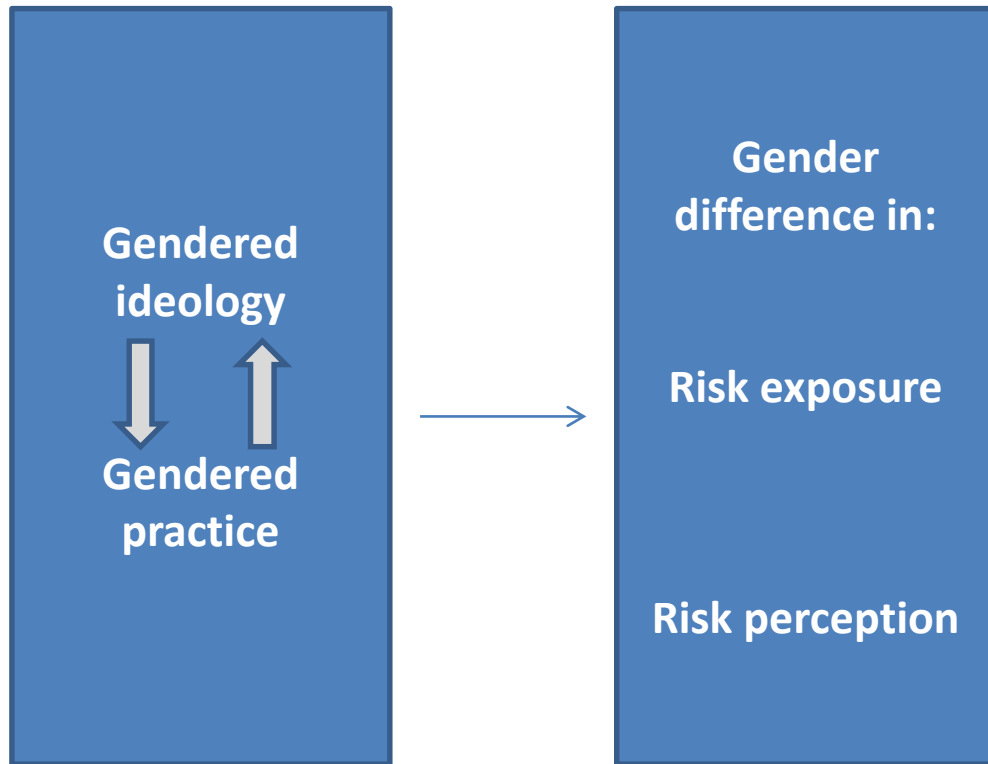
temporary storage of
nuclear waste

production of nuclear
energy

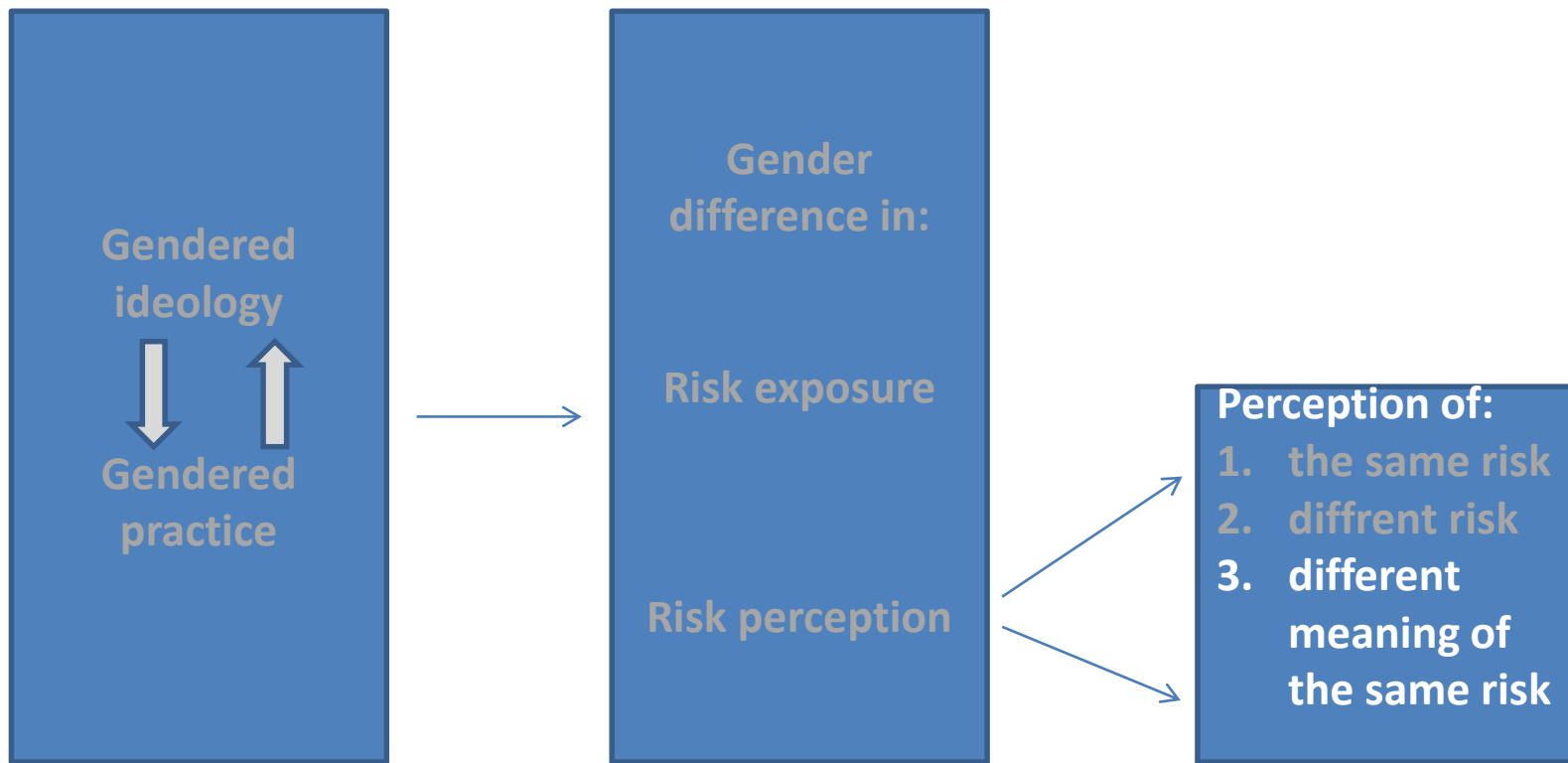
transportation of nuclear
waste

permanent storage of
nuclear waste

1. Relations between gender and risk



Relations between gender and risk



Source: Gustafsod (1998: 809)

Explaining the gender difference

- social roles and everyday activities
- “parental role hypothesis”
- dichotomous constructions

2. Feminist ideology

- political and economic institutions in a patriarchal society reflect the male perception of risk
- political and techno-scientific spheres are dominated by men
- antinuclear women NGOs

- If only women decided about the energy, nuclear power plants would not exist.

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