

Abstract

Interview – Heleieth Saffioti by herself: Genesis of “A Woman in a Society of Classes”.

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In 2008, at the occasion of the 40th anniversary of May 1968, we interviewed Heleieth Saffioti in her large and bright apartment. The idea was to have her tell us what she was doing that year, where she lived, what were her activities, what were her impressions of the period and what were the contributions within the Social Sciences. The memories were so many and so intense that her account was restricted to events ranging from 1961, when she competed and won the position of professor at UNESP in Araraquara, to 1967, year of her thesis defense, which later became the book *A Woman in a Society of Classes*. We have the privilege to present, through her uninterrupted account, the construction of the irreverent thoughts of the feminist-Marxist precursor of gender studies in Brazil. From her narrative emerges part of the saga that led to the consolidation of the Social Sciences in the country.

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