TRIBHUWAN UNIVERSITY

Resistance to Double Marginalization of Females in Adichie's *The Thing Around Your Neck*

A Thesis Submitted to the Central Department of English in Partial fulfillment of the Requirements for the Degree of Masters of Arts in English

By

Bimala Sharma

Central Department of English

Kirtipur, Kathmandu

Tribhuwan University

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Central Department of English

Kirtipur, Kathmandu

Approval Letter

This thesis entitled "Resistance to Double Marginalization of Females in Adichie's *The Thing Around Your Neck*" submitted to the Central Department of English Tribhuwan University by Bimala Sharma has been approved by the undersigned members of the research committee.

Research Committee Members:	
	Internal Examiner
	External Examiner
	Head of the Department
	Date :

Acknowledgements

I am highly indebted to my guru and the respected supervisor of this research paper Mr. Badri Prasad Acharya, a Lecturer at the Central Department of English, T.U., Kirtipur, for his scholarly thought provoking guidance, inspiration, encouragement, valuable suggestions, and his academic excellence. It is my wonderful opportunity to get him as a supervisor of my thesis. Without his kind support and frequent encouragement, this research work could not have come to the present form. Any attempt to express my gratitude to him in words is bound to be inadequate.

The contribution of the respected teachers and friends for the completion of this thesis is highly memorable. I am grateful to Dr. Amma Raj Joshi, Mr. Shankar Subedi, Mr. Saroj Ghimire, and the whole faculties of the department for providing me constructive guidelines and information about the resources and the ways to concretize the ideas.

Similarly, I cannot forget the great inspiration given by high school teachers who taught me +2 levels in Paiyun Multiple Campus Tribeni, Parbat, such as Chi I owe my debt of gratitude to my husband Mr. Bishnu Prasad Acharya for providing an invaluable support and inspiration in course of writing this thesis. It would not be justifiable if I did not remember Mr. Chandra Kamal Adhikari, a friend of mine, whose kind help in collecting the materials and analyzing them is quite significant for making my thesis possible. I also record my appreciation to those writers of the works that have been cited here.

Finally, my happiness has no bound to say that this thesis work is dedicated to my two little children Believe and Biseshata Acharya.

Bimala Sharma

Abstract

Adichie's *The Thing Around Your Neck*, a collection of the stories from Nigeria, is replete with the postcolonial feminist voice. The writer presents the pains and pathos along with the resistance of the females in the country and aboard. The colonial rule of the Westerners has badly exploited the land, the people, of which the females have been the main victims. Similarly, the existing patriarchy in the country has added a fuel in their pains and sufferings. They are constantly victimized, dehumanized, and humiliated through different social institutions and even the close relatives whose mindset has been badly shaped by the patriarchal moors. The young writer casts a spotlight on the backward society so as to remove the discriminating social norms and the unfair practices by foregrounding them in front of the readers. The awareness among the people and especially on the women themselves has made the situation better. The females themselves are able to resist any kind of inhuman treatment and severe tortures given by patriarchy and colonialism. The sort of double marginalization of the females should be avoided for the balanced kind of development mainly in the 'third world' countries like Nigeria.

Contents

		Page No.
Letter o	f Approval	i
Acknow	vledgements	ii
Abstrac	t	iii
I.	Introduction to Adichie's The Thing Around Your Neck, as a Postcolonial	
	Feminist Fiction	1-11
II.	Exploration of the Double Marginalization of the Females in <i>The Thing</i>	
	Around Your Neck	12-30
III.	. Resistance to Patriarchal and Colonial Ideology in <i>The Thing Around</i>	
	Your Neck	31-37
IV.	Conclusion: Female Body as a Site of Domination and Resistance in	ı The
	Thing Around Your Neck	38-39
Works (Cited	

Tribhuvan University

Central Department of English

T. U., Kirtipur

Letter of Recommendation

Bimala Sharma has completed her thesis entitled "Resistance to Double Marginalization of Females in Adichie's *The Thing Your Neck*" under my supervision. She carried out this research from August 2011 to June 2012. I hereby recommend this thesis to be submitted for viva voce.

bmitted for viva voce.	
	Mr. Badri Prasad Acharya
	Supervisor
	Date: