

**Body Politics  
In  
Development  
Critical  
Debates In  
Gender And  
Development**

Body Politics

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in Development  
sets out to  
define body  
politics as a  
key political  
and mobilizing  
force for human  
rights in the  
last two  
decades. This  
passionate and  
engaging book  
reveals how

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once-tabooed  
issues, such as  
rape, gender-  
based violence,  
and sexual and  
reproductive  
rights, have  
emerged into  
the public  
arena as  
critical  
grounds of  
contention and

struggle.

Engaging in the latest feminist thinking and action, the book describes the struggles around body politics for people living in economic and socially vulnerable

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communities and covers a broad range of gender and development issues, including fundamentalism, sexualities and new technologies, from diverse viewpoints. The book's

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originality  
comes through  
the author's  
rich experience  
and engagement  
in feminist  
activism and  
global body  
politics and  
was winner of  
the 2010 FWSA  
Book Prize.

With original

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and engaging  
contributions,  
this Handbook  
confirms  
feminist  
scholarship in  
development  
studies as a  
vibrant  
research field.  
It reveals the  
diverse ways  
that feminist

theory and  
practice inform  
and shape  
gender analysis  
and development  
policies,  
bridging  
generations of  
feminists from  
different  
institutions,  
disciplines and  
regions.

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Examines  
contemporary  
capitalism by  
bringing  
together  
original case  
studies that  
analyze the  
transformation  
of neoliberal  
governance into  
increasingly  
non-democratic,

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coercive and  
disciplining  
forms of  
statecraft  
Governments  
fail to provide  
the public  
goods needed  
for development  
when its  
leaders  
knowingly and  
deliberately

ignore sound  
technical  
advice or are  
unable to  
follow it,  
despite the  
best of  
intentions,  
because of  
political  
constraints.  
This report  
focuses on two

forces—citizen  
engagement and  
transparency—th  
at hold the key  
to solving  
government  
failures by  
shaping how  
political  
markets  
function.  
Citizens are  
not only

queueing at  
voting booths,  
but are also  
taking to the  
streets and  
using diverse  
media to  
pressure,  
sanction and  
select the  
leaders who  
wield power  
within

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government,  
including by  
entering as  
contenders for  
leadership.  
This political  
engagement can  
function in  
highly nuanced  
ways within the  
same formal  
institutional  
context and

across the  
political  
spectrum, from  
autocracies to  
democracies.  
Unhealthy  
political  
engagement,  
when leaders  
are selected  
and sanctioned  
on the basis of  
their provision

of private  
benefits rather  
than public  
goods, gives  
rise to  
government  
failures. The  
solutions to  
these failures  
lie in  
fostering  
healthy  
political



engagement  
within any  
institutional  
context, and  
not in  
circumventing  
or suppressing  
it.

Transparency,  
which is  
citizen access  
to publicly  
available

information about the actions of those in government, and the consequences of these actions, can play a crucial role by nourishing political engagement.

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The Palgrave  
Handbook of  
Critical  
Menstruation  
Studies  
Narrating Arab  
and Black  
Identity in the  
Contemporary  
United States  
Intimate  
Justice  
Body Politics

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and  
Transnational  
Conversations  
Communities in  
Action  
Confronting the  
Body  
Postdevelopment  
in Practice  
In the United States,  
some populations  
suffer from far greater  
disparities in health

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than others. Those disparities are caused not only by fundamental differences in health status across segments of the population, but also because of inequities in factors that impact health status, so-called determinants of health. Only part of an

individual's health status depends on his or her behavior and choice; community-wide problems like poverty, unemployment, poor education, inadequate housing, poor public transportation, interpersonal violence, and decaying neighborhoods also

contribute to health inequities, as well as the historic and ongoing interplay of structures, policies, and norms that shape lives. When these factors are not optimal in a community, it does not mean they are intractable: such inequities can be mitigated by social

policies that can shape health in powerful ways. Communities in Action: Pathways to Health Equity seeks to delineate the causes of and the solutions to health inequities in the United States. This report focuses on what communities can do to promote health equity, what actions are

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needed by the many and varied stakeholders that are part of communities or support them, as well as the root causes and structural barriers that need to be overcome. The politics of the body is often highly contested, culturally specific, and controlled, and this

book calls our attention to how bodies are included or excluded in the polity. With governments regulating bodies in ways that mark the political boundaries of who is a citizen, worthy of protection and rights, as well as those who transgress socially proscribed norms, the

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contributors to this volume offer a systematic investigation of both theoretical and empirical account of bodily differences broadly defined. These chapters, diverse in both the populations and the political behaviours examined, as well as the methodological

approaches employed, showcase the significance of body politics in a way few edited works in political science currently do. Arguing that the body is an important site to understand power relations, this book will be of interest to those studying the unequal

application of rights to women, racial and ethnic minorities, the LGBTQ community, and people with disabilities. This book was originally published as a special issue of *Politics, Groups, and Identities*. Women in the State of Odisha have played an important role in

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development, however they remain mostly invisible in policy and research. This anthology undertakes a journey from the States' rich historical tradition to its present stage of development to locate women's spaces in this process. This book helps in refocusing attention on

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economic, political and social dimensions of women and development. Through discussing areas of health, education, employment, migration and political role of women in decision-making institutions, the authors suggest that only when women or any

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oppressed groups  
gained substantially on  
these fronts, would it  
have greater dignity  
and power in society.  
The absence of  
analytical work on  
women's role in the  
development of the  
State in being  
increasingly felt. This  
volume, we hope, will  
fill to some extent, the



intellectual gap in  
feminist literature.

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Francis does not sell or  
distribute the  
Hardback in India,  
Pakistan, Nepal,  
Bhutan, Bangladesh  
and Sri Lanka.

In the increasingly  
multi-racial and multi-  
ethnic American  
landscape of the

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present, understanding  
and bridging dynamic  
cross-cultural  
conversations about  
social and political  
concerns becomes a  
complicated  
humanistic project.  
How do everyday  
embodied experiences  
transform from being  
anecdotal to having  
social and political

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significance? What can the experience of corporeality offer social and political discourse? And, how does that discourse change when those bodies belong to Arab Americans and African Americans? Ther í A. Pickens discusses a range of literary, cultural, and archival material where

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narratives emphasize embodied experience to examine how these experiences constitute Arab Americans and African Americans as social and political subjects. Pickens argues that Arab American and African American narratives rely on the body ' s fragility, rather than its

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exceptional strength or emotion, to create urgent social and political critiques. The creators of these narratives find potential in mundane experiences such as breathing, touch, illness, pain, and death. Each chapter in this book focuses on one of these everyday

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embodied experiences and examines how authors mobilize that fragility to create social and political commentary. Pickens discusses how the authors' focus on quotidian experiences complicates their critiques of the nation state, domestic and international politics,

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exile, cultural mores,  
and the medical  
establishment. *New  
Body Politics*  
participates in a vibrant  
interdisciplinary  
conversation about  
cross-ethnic studies,  
American literature,  
and Arab American  
literature. Using  
intercultural analysis,  
*Pickens* explores issues

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of the body and representation that will be relevant to fields as varied as Political Science, African American Studies, Arab American Studies, and Disability Studies.

Critical Debates in  
Gender and  
Development  
Critical Engagements

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in Feminist Theory and  
Practice  
Theorizing Embodied  
Subjects in  
International Relations  
Making Politics Work  
for Development  
Laughter, Creativity,  
and Perseverance  
The Deaths of the  
Republic  
Authoritarian  
Neoliberalism and the

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Contested  
Reproduction of  
Capitalist Order  
At a time when  
supposedly enlightened  
attitudes are  
championed by the  
mainstream,  
philosopher and activist  
Heather Brunskell-  
Evans shows how, in  
plain view under the  
guise of liberalism, a

regressive men's rights movement is posing a massive threat to the human rights of women and children everywhere. This movement is transgender politics has turned coloniser, erasing the bodies, agency and autonomy of women and children, while asserting men's rights to bodily intrusion into

every social and personal space. In a complete reversal of feminist gender critical analyses, sex and gender are redefined: identity is now called 'innate' (a 'feeling' located somewhere in the body) and biological sex is said to be socially constructed (and hence changeable). This ensures a lifetime of

drug dependency for transitioners, thereby delivering vast profits for Big Pharma in a capitalist dream. Everyone, including every trans person, has the right to live freely without discrimination. But the transgender movement has been hijacked by misogynists who are appropriating and

inverting the struggles of feminism to deliver an agenda devoid of feminist principles. An eye-opening book. Many Guatemalans speak of Mayan indigenous organizing as "a finger in the wound." Diane Nelson explores the implications of this painfully graphic metaphor in her far-reaching study of the

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civil war and its  
aftermath. Why use a  
body metaphor? What  
body is wounded, and  
how does it react to  
apparent further  
torture? If this is the  
condition of the body  
politic, how do human  
bodies relate to  
it—those literally  
wounded in thirty-five  
years of war and those  
locked in the equivocal

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embrace of sexual conquest, domestic labor, mestizaje, and social change movements? Supported by three and a half years of fieldwork since 1985, Nelson addresses these questions—along with the jokes, ambivalences, and structures of desire that surround them—in both concrete and theoretical terms. She

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explores the relations among Mayan cultural rights activists, ladino (nonindigenous) Guatemalans, the state as a site of struggle, and transnational forces including Nobel Peace Prizes, UN Conventions, neo-liberal economics, global TV, and gringo anthropologists. Along with indigenous claims

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and their effect on current attempts at reconstituting civilian authority after decades of military rule, Nelson investigates the notion of Quincentennial Guatemala, which has given focus to the overarching question of Mayan—and Guatemalan—identity. Her work draws from political economy,

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cultural studies, and psychoanalysis, and has special relevance to ongoing discussions of power, hegemony, and the production of subject positions, as well as gender issues and histories of violence as they relate to postcolonial nation-state formation.

In 1973, the year the women's movement

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won an important symbolic victory with *Roe v. Wade*, reports surfaced that twelve-year-old Minnie Lee Relf and her fourteen-year-old sister Mary Alice, the daughters of black Alabama farm hands, had been sterilized without their or their parents' knowledge or consent. Just as women's ability

to control reproduction moved to the forefront of the feminist movement, the Relf sisters' plight stood as a reminder of the ways in which the movement's accomplishments had diverged sharply along racial lines. Thousands of forced sterilizations were performed on black women during this period, convincing

activists in the Black Power, civil rights, and women's movements that they needed to address, pointedly, the racial injustices surrounding equal access to reproductive labor and intimate life in America. As horrific as the Relf tragedy was, it fit easily within a set of critical events within black women's sexual

and reproductive history in America, which black feminists argue began with coerced reproduction and enforced child neglect in the period of enslavement. While reproductive rights activists and organizations, historians, and legal scholars have all begun to grapple with this

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history and its meaning, political theorists have yet to do so. Intimate Justice charts the long and still incomplete path to black female intimate freedom and equality--a path marked by infanticides, sexual terrorism, race riots, coerced sterilizations, and racially biased child removal policies. In order to challenge

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prevailing understandings of freedom and equality, Shatema Threadcraft considers the troubled status of black female intimate life during four moments: antebellum slavery, Reconstruction, the nadir, and the civil rights and women's movement eras. Taking up important and often overlooked aspects of

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the necessary conditions for justice, Threadcraft's book is a compelling challenge to the meaning of equality in American race and gender relations. Destined to transform its field, this volume features some of the most exciting feminist scholars and activists working within feminist political ecology,

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including Giovanna Di  
Chiro, Dianne  
Rocheleau, Catherine  
Walsh and Christa  
Wichterich. Offering a  
collective critique of the  
' green economy ' , it  
features the latest  
analyses of the post-  
Rio+20 debates  
alongside a nuanced  
reading of the impact of  
the current ecological  
and economic crises on

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women as well as their communities and ecologies. This new, politically timely and engaging text puts feminist political ecology back on the map.

The Oxford Handbook  
of Gender and Politics  
A Finger in the Wound  
The Odisha Experience  
Harnessing  
Transparency and  
Citizen Engagement

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New Body Politics  
Gender Matters in  
Global Politics  
Female Agency in  
Buddhism and  
Hinduism  
Queer  
Democracy  
undertakes an  
interdisciplinary  
critical  
investigation of  
the centuries-old

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metaphor of  
society as a  
body, drawing on  
queer and  
transgender  
accounts of  
embodiment as a  
constructive  
resource for  
reimagining  
politics and  
society. Daniel

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Miller argues that this metaphor has consistently expressed a desire for social and political order, grounded in the social body ' s imagined normative shape or morphology.

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The consistent result, from the “concord” discourses of the pre-Christian Stoics, all the way through to contemporary nationalism and populism, has been the suppression of

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any dissent that would unmake the social body ' s presumed normativity. Miller argues that the conception of embodiment at the heart of the metaphor is a fantasy, and that

negative social  
and political  
reactions to  
dissent  
represent  
visceral,  
dysphoric  
responses to its  
reshaping of the  
social body. He  
argues that  
social body ' s

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essential  
queerness,  
defined by  
fluidity and lack  
of a fixed  
morphology,  
spawns queer  
democracy,  
expressed  
through ongoing  
social and  
political

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practices that  
aim to extend  
liberty and  
equality to new  
social domains.  
Queer  
Democracy  
articulates a new  
departure for the  
ongoing  
development of  
theoretical

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articulations  
linking queer and  
trans theory with  
political theory.  
It will appeal to  
both academic  
and non-  
academic  
readers engaged  
in research on  
political theory,  
populism, US

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religion, gender studies, and queer studies. What does it mean to queer a concept? If queerness is a notion that implies a destabilization of the normativity of the body, then

all cultural systems contain zones of discomfort relevant to queer studies. What then might we make of such zones when the use of the term queer itself has transcended the

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fields of sex and gender, becoming a metaphor for addressing such cultural phenomena as hybridization, resignification, and subversion? Further still, what should we

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make of it when  
so many people  
are reluctant to  
use the term  
queer, because  
they view it as  
theoretical  
colonialism, or a  
concept that  
loses its  
specificity when  
applied to a

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culture that  
signifies and  
uses the body  
differently?  
Translating the  
Queer focuses  
on the  
dissemination of  
queer  
knowledge,  
concepts, and  
representations

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throughout Latin America, a migration that has been accompanied by concomitant processes of translation, adaptation, and epistemological resistance.

The ebook

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edition of this title is Open Access, thanks to Knowledge Unlatched funding, and freely available to read online. Sport, Gender and Development brings together an exploration of

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sport feminisms  
to offer new  
approaches to  
research on  
Sport for  
Development and  
Peace (SDP) in  
global and local  
contexts.

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Asian Studies  
title that brings

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together some of  
the best new  
writing on  
physicality in  
colonial India.

A Feminist  
Introduction to  
International  
Relations

Abortion and  
Democracy  
Bodies of

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Violence  
Moving Beyond  
the 'Green  
Economy'  
Bodies in  
Resistance  
Women  
Reinventing  
Development  
The Palgrave  
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Gender and

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## Development

That the Roman republic died is a commonplace often repeated. In extant literature, the notion is first given form in the works of the orator Cicero (106-43 BCE) and his contemporaries, though the scattered fragments of orators and historians from



the earlier republic suggest that the idea was hardly new. In speeches, letters, philosophical tracts, poems, and histories, Cicero and his peers obsessed over the illnesses, disfigurements, and deaths that were imagined to have beset their body politic, portraying

rivals as horrific diseases or accusing opponents of butchering and even murdering the state. Body-political imagery had long enjoyed popularity among Greek authors, but these earlier images appear muted in comparison and it is only in the republic that the body first

becomes fully articulated as a means for imagining the political community. In the works of republican authors is found a state endowed with nervi, blood, breath, limbs, and organs; a body beaten, wounded, disfigured, and infected; one with scars, hopes, desires,

and fears; that can die, be killed, or kill in turn. Such images have often been discussed in isolation, yet this is the first book to offer a sustained examination of republican imagery of the body politic, with particular emphasis on the use of bodily-political images as

tools of persuasion  
and the impact they  
exerted on the politics  
of Rome in the first  
century BCE.

As a field of  
scholarship, gender  
and politics has  
exploded over the last  
fifty years and is now  
global,  
institutionalized, and  
ever expanding. The  
Oxford Handbook of

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Gender and Politics brings to political science an accessible and comprehensive overview of the key contributions of gender scholars to the study of politics and shows how these contributions produce a richer understanding of politics and societies. Like the field it

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represents, the handbook has a broad understanding of what counts as political and is based on a notion of gender that highlights masculinities as well as femininities, thereby moving feminist debates in politics beyond the focus on women. It engages with some of

the key aspects of political science as well as important themes in gender and feminist research (such as sexuality and body politics), thereby forging a dialogue between gender studies in politics and mainstream political science. The handbook is organized in sections



that look at sexuality and body politics; political economy; civil society; participation, representation and policymaking; institutions, states and governance as well as nation, citizenship and identity. The Oxford Handbook of Gender and Politics contains and reflects the best scholarship in its field.

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Winner of the 2015  
FWSA Book Prize

The body is a site of  
impassioned, fraught  
and complex debate  
in the West today. In  
one political moment,  
left-wingers,  
academics and  
feminists have  
defended powerful  
men accused of sex  
crimes, positioned  
topless pictures in the

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tabloids as  
empowering, and  
opposed them for  
sexualizing breasts  
and undermining their  
'natural' function. At  
the same time they  
have been criticized  
by extreme-right  
groups for ignoring  
honour killings and  
other 'culture-based'  
forms of violence  
against women. How

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can we make sense  
of this varied terrain?  
In this important and  
challenging new book,  
Alison Phipps  
constructs a political  
sociology of women's  
bodies around key  
debates: sexual  
violence, gender and  
Islam, sex work and  
motherhood. Her  
analysis uncovers  
dubious rhetorics and

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paradoxical allegiances, and contextualizes these within the powerful coalition of neoliberal and neoconservative frameworks. She explores how 'feminism' can be caricatured and vilified at both ends of the political spectrum, arguing that Western feminisms are now

faced with complex problems of positioning in a world where gender often comes second to other political priorities. This book provides a welcome investigation into Western politics around women's bodies, and will be particularly useful to scholars and upper-

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level students of sociology, political science, gender studies and cultural studies, as well as to anyone interested in how bodies become politicized.

Traces the origins of Black body politics in the United States and its contemporary manifestations in hip-hop music and film.

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Body Politics in  
Development  
In the Flesh  
Five Practices of the  
Christian Community  
Before the Watching  
World  
Bridging the Gap  
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Practice  
The Book of the Body  
Politic  
Transgender Body  
Politics

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The Politics of the  
Body  
Medieval  
social/political  
theory from  
Christine de Pizan,  
France's first  
female  
professional writer.  
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6 Beginning in the late nineteenth century, India played a pivotal role in global conversations about population and reproduction. In *Reproductive Politics and the Making of Modern India*, Mytheli

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Sreenivas  
demonstrates how  
colonial  
administrators,  
postcolonial  
development  
experts,  
nationalists,  
eugenicists,  
feminists, and  
family planners all  
aimed to reform

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reproduction to transform both individual bodies and the body politic. Across the political spectrum, people insisted that regulating reproduction was necessary and that limiting the population was

essential to  
economic  
development. This  
book investigates  
the often  
devastating  
implications of this  
logic, which  
demonized some  
women's  
reproduction as  
the cause of

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national and  
planetary  
catastrophe. To  
tell this story,  
Sreenivas explores  
debates about  
marriage, family,  
and contraception.  
She also  
demonstrates how  
concerns about  
reproduction

surfaced within a range of political questions—about poverty and crises of subsistence, migration and claims of national sovereignty, normative heterosexuality and drives for economic

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development.  
Locating India at  
the center of  
transnational  
historical change,  
this book suggests  
that Indian  
developments  
produced the very  
grounds over  
which reproduction  
was called into

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question in the  
modern world. The  
open-access  
edition of  
Reproductive  
Politics and the  
Making of Modern  
India is freely  
available thanks to  
the TOME initiative  
and the generous  
support of The

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Libraries.  
Binding and  
loosing, baptism,  
eucharist,  
multiplicity of gifts,  
and open meeting;  
these five New  
Testament  
practices were  
central in the life of

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the early Christian community. Some of them are still echoed in the practice of the church today. But the full social, ethical, and communal meaning of the original practices has often been

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covered by  
centuries of ritual  
and interpretation.  
John Howard  
Yoder, in his  
inimitably direct  
and discerning  
style, uncovers the  
original meaning of  
the five practices  
and shows why  
the recovery of

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these practices is  
so important for  
the social,  
economic, and  
political witness of  
the church today.  
Gender Matters in  
Global Politics is a  
comprehensive  
textbook for  
advanced  
undergraduates

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studying politics,  
international  
relations,  
development and  
similar courses. It  
provides students  
with an accessible  
but in-depth  
account of feminist  
methodologies,  
gender theory and  
feminist

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approaches to key topics and themes in global politics. This textbook is written by an international line-up of established and emerging scholars from a range of theoretical perspectives,

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bringing together  
cutting-edge  
feminist  
scholarship in a  
variety of areas.  
This fully revised  
and updated third  
edition: introduces  
students to  
feminist and  
gender theory and  
explains the

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relevance to  
contemporary  
global politics;  
explains the  
insights of feminist  
theory for a range  
of fields of study,  
including  
international  
relations,  
international  
political economy

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and security studies; presents feminist approaches to key contemporary issues such as climate change, digital politics, war and militarism, disability and global health; and features

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pedagogical tools  
and resources,  
including  
discussion  
questions,  
suggestions for  
further reading and  
online resources.  
This text enables  
students to  
develop a  
sophisticated

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understanding of  
the work that  
gender does in  
policies and  
practices of global  
politics. Support  
material for this  
book can be found  
at: [www.routledge.com/9780367477608](http://www.routledge.com/9780367477608).

Intersections,

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Innovations and  
Future Trajectories  
Pathways to  
Health Equity  
Body Politics  
Shakespeare  
between  
Machiavelli and  
Hobbes  
Translating the  
Queer  
Body Politics in

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Quincentennial  
Guatemala  
Persisting  
Patriarchy

This exciting new volume debunks overly simplistic conceptions of Dowry. Taking a variety of theoretical and active approaches, this

work bridges the gap between today's prevailing theory and practice, whilst taking South Asian women's own experiences as a starting point to any discussion. Bringing a unique diversity of perspectives from leading academics and activists, this

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book opens up the term "Dowry" to undertake a study of its role in various communities across the world from the practice of "mehr" among Muslim societies, the role of the dowry in Bangladesh, and its position in the wider diasporic

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populations globally.  
The  
groundbreaking,  
multidisciplinary  
book is essential  
reading for students,  
policymakers,  
practitioners and  
activists alike.  
Shakespeare  
between Machiavelli  
and Hobbes  
explores

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Shakespeare's political outlook by comparing some of the playwright's works to the works of Italian political theorist Niccolò Machiavelli and English social contract theorist Thomas Hobbes. This ultimately reveals the

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materialist principles  
that underpin  
Shakespeare's  
imaginary states.  
Destined to  
transform its field,  
this volume features  
some of the most  
exciting feminist  
scholars and  
activists working  
within feminist  
political ecology,

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including Giovanna  
Di Chiro, Dianne  
Rocheleau,  
Catherine Walsh  
and Christa  
Wichterich. Offering  
a collective critique  
of the 'green  
economy', it  
features the latest  
analyses of the post-  
Rio+20 debates  
alongside a

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nuanced reading of the impact of the current ecological and economic crises on women as well as their communities and ecologies. This new, politically timely and engaging text puts feminist political ecology back on the map.

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Postdevelopment in  
Practice critically  
engages with recent  
trends in  
postdevelopment  
and critical  
development  
studies that have  
destabilised the  
concept of  
development,  
challenging its  
assumptions and

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exposing areas  
where it has failed in  
its objectives, whilst  
also pushing  
beyond theory to  
uncover alternatives  
in practice. This  
book reflects a rich  
and diverse range of  
experience in  
postdevelopment  
work, bringing  
together emerging

and established contributors from across Latin America, South Asia, Europe, Australia and elsewhere, and it brings to light the multiple and innovative examples of postdevelopment practice already underway. The



complexity of  
postdevelopment  
alternatives are  
revealed throughout  
the chapters,  
encompassing  
research on  
economy and care,  
art and design,  
pluriversality and  
buen vivir, the state  
and social  
movements, among

others. Drawing on feminisms and political economy, postcolonial theory and critical design studies, the 'diverse economies' and 'world of the third' approaches and discussions on ontology and interdisciplinary fields such as

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science and technology studies, the chapters reveal how the practice of postdevelopment is already being carried out by actors in and out of development.

Students, scholars and practitioners in critical development studies and those

seeking to engage  
with  
postdevelopment  
will find this book an  
important guide to  
applying theory to  
practice.

The Cultural Politics  
of Body Modification  
Theorizing Feminist  
Policy  
Desire, Dysphoria,  
and the Body Politic

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Alternatives,  
Economies,  
Ontologies  
Gender in a  
Neoliberal and  
Neoconservative  
Age  
Sport, Gender and  
Development  
Dowry  
Abortion and  
Democracy offers  
critical analyses of

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abortion politics in Latin America's Southern Cone, with lessons and insights of wider significance.

Drawing on the region's recent history of military dictatorship and democratic transition, this edited volume

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explores how  
abortion rights  
demands fit with  
current democratic  
agendas. With a  
focus on Argentina,  
Chile, and Uruguay,  
the book's  
contributors delve  
into the complex  
reality of abortion  
through the  
examination of the

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discourses,  
strategies,  
successes, and  
challenges of  
abortion rights  
movements.

Assembling a  
multiplicity of voices  
and experiences,  
the contributions  
illuminate key  
dimensions of  
abortion rights

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struggles: health  
aspects, litigation  
efforts, legislative  
debates, party  
politics, digital  
strategies,  
grassroots  
mobilization,  
coalition-building,  
affective and artistic  
components, and m  
ovement-  
countermovement

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dynamics. The book takes an approach that is sensitive to social inequalities and to the transnational aspects of abortion rights struggles in each country. It bridges different scales of analysis, from abortion experiences at the

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micro level of the clinic or the home to the macro sociopolitical and cultural forces that shape individual lives. This is an important intervention suitable for students and scholars of abortion politics, democracy in Latin America,

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gender and  
sexuality, and  
women's rights.

This book explores  
how activists around  
the world have  
organized to fight for  
their economic and  
social rights and  
well-being, to end  
violence against  
women and  
militarism, to

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promote sexual and reproductive rights, and to protect bodily integrity in the face of the new biotechnologies. Seeing the body as a fluid site of power and political contestation where specific cultural, social and economic realities and

struggles are played out, Harcourt looks at body politics from the intimate and personal within self, family and community to the public at national and global levels and discourses. Using narrative, interview, analysis and theory to bring

out the importance of different facets of body politics, this accessible book translates feminist and development discourse into vitally relevant material for all those interested in human rights and social justice.

Through an interview-based

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study, Victoria Pitts has researched the subcultural milieu of contemporary body modification, focusing on the ways sexuality, gender and ethnicity are being reconfigured through new body technologies - not only tattooing, but



piercing, cyberpunk and such 'neotribal' practices as scarification. She interprets the stories of sixteen body modifiers (as well as some subcultural magazines and films) using the tools of feminist and queer theory. Pitts not only covers a

hot topic but also situates it in a theoretical context. This title defines and examines this field in the context of non-feminist policy studies. It also examines feminist policy as a significant emerging area of government action. From

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empirical research results, it concludes that under certain conditions democracies can develop feminist policies.

The Politics of  
Physicality in  
Colonial and Post-  
colonial India  
Gender and Sexual  
Politics in the Age of

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Neoliberalism  
Identity, Discourse,  
and Racial Politics  
in Popular Media  
A Critical Praxis  
The Black Female  
Body and the Body  
Politic  
States of Discipline  
Intersectionalities,  
Negotiations,  
Subversions  
As part of the

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emerging new  
research on civic  
innovation, this book  
explores how sexual  
politics and gender  
relations play out in  
feminist struggles  
around body politics  
in Brazil, Colombia,  
India, Iran, Mexico,  
Nepal, Turkey,  
Nicaragua, as well  
as in East Africa,

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Latin America and global institutions and networks. From diverse disciplinary perspectives, the book looks at how feminists are engaged in a complex struggle for democratic power in a neoliberal age and at how resistance is integral to

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possibilities for change. In making visible resistances to dominant economic and social policies, the book highlights how such struggles are both gendered and gendering bodies. The chapters explore struggles for healthy

environments,  
sexual health and  
reproductive rights,  
access to abortion,  
an end to gender-  
based violence, the  
human rights of  
LGBTIQA persons,  
the recognition of  
indigenous  
territories and all  
peoples' rights to  
care, love and work

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freely. The book sets out the violence, hopes, contradictions and ways forward in these civic innovations, resistances and connections across the globe.

Working within the relatively new perspective on the

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body as a zone of critical praxis, Shapiro lays the foundation for the theory and practice of a somatically oriented critical pedagogy."

This open access handbook, the first of its kind, provides a comprehensive and carefully

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curated  
multidisciplinary and  
genre-spanning  
view of the state of  
the field of Critical  
Menstruation  
Studies, opening up  
new directions in  
research and  
advocacy. It is  
animated by the  
central question:  
“what new lines of

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inquiry are possible when we center our attention on menstrual health and politics across the life course?”

The chapters—diverse in content, form and perspective—establish Critical Menstruation Studies as a potent lens that reveals,

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complicates and  
unpacks inequalities  
across biological,  
social, cultural and  
historical  
dimensions. This  
handbook is an  
unmatched resource  
for researchers,  
policy makers,  
practitioners, and  
activists new to and  
already familiar with

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the field as it rapidly develops and expands.

In most mainstream traditions of Hinduism and Buddhism, women have for centuries largely been excluded from positions of religious and ritual leadership.

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However, as this volume shows, in an increasing number of late-20th-century and early-21st-century contexts, women can and do undergo monastic and priestly education; they can receive ordination/initiation as Buddhist nuns or

Hindu priestesses;  
and they are  
accepted as  
religious and  
political leaders.  
Even though these  
processes still take  
place largely outside  
or at the margins of  
traditional religious  
institutions, it is  
clear that women  
are actually

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establishing new religious trends and currents. They are attracting followers, and they are occupying religious positions on par with men. At times women are filling a void left behind by male religious specialists who left the profession, and

at times they are perceived as their rivals. In some cases, this process takes place in collaboration with male religious specialists, in others against the will of the women's male counterparts. However, in most cases we see both

acceptance and resistance. Whether silently or with great fanfare, women are grasping new opportunities to occupy positions of leadership. This book offers ten in-depth case studies analysing culturally, historically, and geographically

unique situations in order to explore the historical background, contemporary trajectories, and impact of the emergence of new and powerful forms of female agency in mostly conservative Hindu and Buddhist religious traditions.

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Reproductive  
Politics and the  
Making of Modern  
India  
Scripting the Black  
Masculine Body  
Contentious Body  
Politics in Argentina,  
Chile, and Uruguay  
Imagery of the Body  
Politic in Ciceronian  
Rome  
Pedagogy and the

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Politics of the Body  
Dead Body Politics  
Practising Feminist  
Political Ecologies  
International  
Relations, in both  
theory and practice,  
has been increasingly  
concerned with a  
proliferation of modes  
of violence that use,  
target, and construct  
bodies in complex

ways that challenge notions of security. The central argument of this work is that the bodies that practices of violence take as their object are deeply unnatural bodies, constituted in reference to historical political conditions as well as acting upon our world.

This book examines

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the operational dynamics of patriarchy that is deeply woven into the Indian cultural fabric and its persistence in spite of women advancing in Human Development Indices. In studying the situation of women of the Catholic Syrian Christian community of Kerala, South India,

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as a case of analysis, Kochurani Abraham identifies caste consciousness and religious prescriptions of this community as the main factors that intersect with gendered identity construction and succeed in keeping women within its patriarchal confines. While women do

engage in negotiating patriarchy through what can be termed simulative, tactical, and 'agensic' bargains, this remains a 'politics of survival' as it does not challenge the established gender order. In this context, making a shift from 'politics of survival' to a 'politics of

subversion' is  
imperative for  
challenging persisting  
patriarchies.  
Queer Democracy