Gender Relations in Global Perspective

Essential Readings

Faced with an increasingly diverse student population, an expanding field of gender scholarship, and an academic emphasis on multidisciplinarity, social science professors often struggle to address and integrate such a broad array of gender issues in their courses. This book addresses that challenge by increasing students' understandings of gender relations in multiple social fields across time and space.

_Gender Relations in Global Perspective_ is truly multidisciplinary. It is partially drawn from the work of sociologists, but articles written by gender scholars from the disciplines of cultural studies, history, political science, geography, and literary theory are also included. The readings examine historically persistent, cross-culturally relevant, and empirically grounded concerns such as men's position in the family and women's relationship to work, media, and the global economy, as well as the gendered problems of violence, sexuality, and reproduction, and racism.

This book presents an engaging range of comparative and cross-cultural gender analyses from various world regions, including the Middle East, South Asia, South East Asia, Europe, the Americas, and Africa. As the articles are dialogically situated in this text, readers will be able to analyse gender similarities and differences around the globe and learn about the diversity of gender experiences across cultures and regions. This range of analyses demonstrates how a global perspective enriches feminist analyses.

Students will quickly learn that to investigate gender dynamics adequately, attention must be paid simultaneously to the processes of racialization, class, colonialism, and imperialism, and sexuality that interweave with gender to produce complex forms of oppression.

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Reviews

"This is a well-chosen, comprehensive anthology that brings together diverse perspectives on the most current debates on gender and feminism. . . especially appreciate the multi-disciplinary focus, diverse coverage of major issues, and good balance between sociological/political and cultural work. . . The strength of the volume is its combination of theoretical readings and cultural/media issues with empirical works, whereas existing anthologies tend to focus on one or the other."

Helen Hok-Sze Leung, Simon Fraser University

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