

## **Women Across Cultures: A Global Perspective, 4e**

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### **Detailed List of New Features**

A trusted resource for nearly 20 years, *Women Across Cultures: A Global Perspective, 4e* is an interdisciplinary, cross-cultural study of gender inequality and contemporary women's issues across the globe. This new edition examines the most pressing concerns facing women today, with an emphasis on promoting gender equality from small grassroots efforts to the use of international law to improve women's status.

Readers will come away with an appreciation of the diversity of women's issues and an understanding of how intersectional and contextual factors like race, politics, culture, sexual orientation, age, and gender identity impact women's experiences, activism, and movements. Even more, they will see possibilities for change. This global study of women is about hope, resilience, and the power of people to fight and right social injustices.

The Connect course for this offering includes SmartBook, an adaptive reading and study experience which guides students to master, recall, and apply key concepts while providing automatically-graded assessments.

New edition includes a Connect access code (which includes LearnSmart, an adaptive online study tool, and SmartBook, and adaptive eBook).

- **Connect Insight™**-As part of the Connect Suite, Insight™ puts real-time analytics in your hands so you can take action early and keep struggling students from falling behind. Designed for your tablet or desktop computer, Insight is a series of visual displays providing at-a-glance information regarding how your section, students, and assignments are doing.
- **SmartBook**-As part of the Connect Suite, SmartBook is the first and only adaptive reading and learning experience that changes the way students read. It creates a personalized, interactive reading environment like no other by highlighting important concepts, while helping students identify their strengths and weaknesses. This ensures that he or she is focused on the content needed to close specific knowledge gaps, while it simultaneously promotes long term learning.

- **LearnSmart-As part of the Connect Suite, LearnSmart is an adaptive learning program designed to help students learn faster, study smarter, and retain more knowledge for greater success. Millions of students have answered billions of questions in LearnSmart, making it the most widely used tool that's proven to strengthen memory recall, retain student attendance, and boost grades.**

## Chapter by Chapter Changes

**Chapter 1: (Introduction to Global Women's Studies)** was expanded slightly to better explain the conceptual frames seen throughout the book, and now includes glossary terms and concepts as well as study questions and questions for discussion. Menstrual management is used to illustrate similarities between women and girls cross-culturally, and how intersectionality and context lead to differences.

**Chapter 2: (Women's Lower Status and Power)** includes expanded coverage of son preference and gender-biased sex selection, sexual objectification, child marriage, and violence against women and girls.

**Chapter 3: (Reproductive Health and Reproductive Rights)** include new approaches to eliminating female genital cutting/mutilation. The section on the agents that control women's reproductive choice and health was lengthened.

**Chapter 4: (Women's Sexuality and Sexual Rights)** now includes a discussion of sexual double standards and the control of women's sexuality. Other topics new to Chapter 4 (or expanded from the third edition) are SOGI-related discrimination and rights (SOGI stands for sexual orientation and gender identity), transgender women and transphobia, bisexual women and biphobia, and queer theory.

**Chapter 5: (Women's Work)** incorporates new perspectives on women's unpaid care labor and women as entrepreneurs. Discussion of the motherhood wage gap was added to the section on the gender pay gap.

**Chapter 6: (Women, Development, and Environmental Sustainability)** explains in more detail why women in low-income countries spend more time on unpaid work than other women and how this impacts women and their families. Gender and climate change receives some added coverage. The chapter also reflects current scholarship on both micro-lending and gender mainstreaming and features expanded coverage of gender, environmental sustainability, and climate change. The UN's Sustainable Development Goals (new in 2015) are also a focus.

**Chapter 7: (Women and Globalization)** includes an improved discussion of neo-liberal economic policies and their effects on women and explains how the effects of globalization on women are influenced by intersectionality and context. The positive effects of globalization on women's organizing are also considered. More detail on women's work in global supply chains is provided and the discussion of migrant domestic workers now includes global care chains. A more detailed discussion of women and girls' labor in the global sex trade is provided.

**Chapter 8: (Women and Religion)** includes greater coverage of fundamentalist religions and their impact on women. The discussion of feminist hermeneutics is expanded in comparison to the previous edition.

**Chapter 9: (Women in Politics)** includes more details on gender differences in voting and on the symbolic and practical importance of women in formal politics. More attention is given to the role of gender stereotypes and how these affect women in politics, including the addition of a section on women political executives and gender stereotypes. There is expanded coverage of gender quotas and non-electoral system strategies as ways

of increasing women's representation in formal politics. A relatively new area of study, violence against women in politics, was added. In the discussion of women world leaders, women heads of state and women as heads of government are more clearly delineated, and the section reworked to reflect changes in how women come to hold these positions.

**Chapter 10: (Women's Movements)** now begins with a clear definition of women's movements, the ways they differ, and the distinction between feminist movements and other women's movements. The topic of transnational feminist movements and networks, covered in the last edition in Chapter 11, now appears in Chapter 10.

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