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Africa
The question usually asked about Africa is: 'why is it going wrong?' Is the continent still suffering from the ravages of colonialism? Or is it the victim of postcolonial economic exploitation, poor governance and lack of aid? Whatever the answer, increasingly the result is poverty and violence.

In Africa: the Politics of Suffering and Smiling Patrick Chabal approaches this question differently by reconsidering the role of theory in African politics. Chabal discusses the limitations of existing political theories of Africa and proposes a different starting point; arguing that political thinking ought to be driven by the need to address the immediacy of everyday life and death. How do people define who they are? Where do they belong? What do they believe? How do they struggle to survive and improve their lives? What is the impact of illness and poverty? In doing so, Chabal proposes a radically different way of looking at politics in Africa and illuminates the ways ordinary people 'suffer and smile'.

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As African societies come to live more and more in cities, they do so in ways that challenge prevailing theories and models of urban development in geography, sociology, anthropology, and planning. This book uses African urban concepts and experiences to speak back to theoretical and practical concerns in urban studies and disciplines that study cities, as well as in African studies. It argues for a re-vision – a seeing again, and a revising – of how cities in Africa are discussed and written about in both urban studies and African studies.

Cities in Africa still are either ignored, banished to a different, other, lesser category of not-quite cities, or held up as examples of all that can go wrong with urbanism in much of both the mainstream and even critical urban literature. This book encourages African studies and urban studies scholars across the world to engage with the vibrancy and complexity of African cities with fresh eyes. It uses the author's own research and a close reading of works by other scholars, writers, and artists on a broad range of sixteen cities in Africa to highlight six themes that help illuminate what is happening in and across the region's cities.

**Garth Myers** is Professor of Geography and African/African-American Studies, and Director of the Kansas African Studies Center, at the University of Kansas.

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Africa's Informal Workers
Collective Agency, Alliances and Transnational Organizing
Edited by Ilda Lindell

Deepening processes of informalization and casualization of work are changing livelihood opportunities and conditions in Africa and beyond. This book addresses the collectively organized responses to these changes, presenting them as an important dimension of the contemporary politics of informality in Africa. It goes beyond the usual focus on household ‘coping strategies’ and individual forms of agency, by addressing the growing number of collective organizations through which informal ‘workers’ increasingly make themselves visible as political actors and articulate their demands and interests. The emerging picture is that of a highly diverse landscape of organised actors, reflecting the great diversity of interests in the informal economy. This provides grounds for tensions but also opportunities for alliance. The collection examines in greater depth one particular kind of alliance, manifested in attempts at organizing across the formal-informal work spheres. The book also explores the novel trend of transnational organizing by informal workers, who are usually depicted as simply at the receiving end of global processes. The book gathers cases from nine countries and cities across Sub-Saharan Africa, and from sectors ranging from urban informal vending and service delivery, to informal manufacturing, casual port work and cross-border trade.

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Child Migration in Africa
Iman Hashim and Dorte Thorsen

Child Migration in Africa explores the mobility of children without their parents within West Africa. Drawing on the experiences of children from rural Burkina Faso and Ghana, the book provides rich material on the circumstances of children's voluntary migration and their experiences of it. Their accounts challenge the normative ideals of what a 'good' childhood is, which often underlie public debates about children's migration, education and work in developing countries. The book also includes rural and urban relatives' views on young people's migration, which together with the child migrants' own descriptions of their motivations, offer a window on the decision-making processes involved. Their reasoning demonstrates that children's migration does not necessarily signify a rupture in family relations. The comparative study of Burkina Faso and Ghana highlights that social networks operate in ways that can be both enabling and constraining for young migrants, as can cultural views on age- and gender appropriate behaviour. The book questions easily made assumptions regarding children's experiences when migrating independently of their parents and, by drawing parallels with children's migration in Latin America and Asia, contributes to analytical and cross-cultural understandings of childhood. This book is an important and timely contribution to an under-researched area, which has been subject to much policy-making on unsupported grounds.

Dorte Thorsen is a visiting research fellow at the Sussex Centre for Migration Research at the University of Sussex. She has done ethnographic research with children and youth migrating from the Bisa region in south-eastern Burkina Faso to Ouagadougou and Abidjan and with their rural families in some twenty villages. Raising methodological questions about the way in which children's and youth's agency can be studied beyond a narrow focus on verbal negotiations, her research theorises decision-making processes linked with young migrants' performance of identities, urban labour relations and the enactment of relatedness. She has published book chapters and policy papers based on this research, and articles in the journals Migrations & Hommes, Africa, Forum for Development Studies and the Journal for Comparative Family Studies.

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Chocolate Nations
Living and Dying for Cocoa in West Africa
Orla Ryan

Chocolate is one of the world's most everyday luxuries, the very word conjuring up a hint of the forbidden and a taste of the decadent. Every year, more chocolate is sold in the West even as obesity and health fears grow. Yet the story behind the chocolate bar is rarely one of luxury. The crop provides a lifeline for millions of farmers in West Africa, which produces about 70% of the world's cocoa and is crucial to the economies and politics of Ghana and Ivory Coast.

Chocolate Nations examines the causes of farmer poverty, placing the story of these producers in the context of the commodity producers' global battle to make more money from their crops. Mixing economic analysis with the human stories of the African rebels, advertising executives and industry insiders this book tells the compelling story of how chocolate bars get on supermarket shelves.

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Climate Change in Africa
Camilla Toulmin

Climate change is a major challenge for us all, but for African countries it represents a particular threat. This book outlines current thinking and evidence and it impact such change will have on Africa's development prospects.

Global warming above the level of two degrees Celsius would be enormously damaging for poorer parts of the world, leading to crises with crops, livestock, water supplies and coastal areas. Within Africa, it's likely to be the continent's poorest people who are hit hardest. In this accessible and authoritative introduction to an often-overlooked aspect of the environment, Camilla Toulmin uses case studies to look at issues ranging from natural disasters to biofuels, and from conflict to the oil industry. Finally, the book addresses what future there might be for Africa in a carbon-constrained world.

Camilla Toulmin is Director of the International Institute for Environment & Development. An economist by training, she has worked mainly in Africa on social, economic, and environmental development.

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Economic Development in Africa
John Sender, Christopher Cramer, Carlos Oya & Deborah Johnston

Understandings of the past performance and future prospects for economic development in Sub-Saharan Africa are often shaped and confused by emotive images of tragedy and chronic crisis, by pious Western professions of faith in indigenous knowledge, local solutions and national ownership, by simplistic notions of corruption, and above all by inadequate or misleading evidence. As one observer put it, Africa suffers from "continent brand effect" so that every country apart from South Africa ends up sharing the same reputation.

This book aims to help readers to form more careful assessments of the varied experiences of economic development in Africa and to develop thinking about policies for the future. Covering a broad range of topics - from land reform to the role of labour markets, the role of the state to trade and industrial policy - it attempts to disturb conventional categories of analysis, seeking not to impart a set of unquestionable commonsense truths but to prompt students to think for themselves. Exploring such questions as 'Are NGOs demons or angels in Africa?' and 'Do we under-estimate or over-estimate the impact of HIV/AIDS?', the authors make full use of their more than 50 person years of experience in teaching the applied economics of Sub-Saharan Africa. As a result, this is a vital textbook for all those studying or interested in African development.

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Kenya

Democracy on Trial

Godwin R. Murunga & Shadrack W. Nasong'o

Kenya - Democracy on Trial tells the story of the violence that erupted following the outcome of the disputed general election in December 2007. Across the world, media accounts hailed the violence as a consequence of old 'tribal hatreds', marking the end of an era in which the country was assumed to be an island of peace in a sea of chaos.

In this book, the first to cover events in Kenya fully, Godwin Murunga provides a much more nuanced analysis. He shows that the electioneering and historical elements of injustice, combined with a close race and a winner-takes-all system, provide a much better context for the protests, violence, criminality and murders which followed.

In the end, Murunga argues, throughout Africa the ballot box is losing its legitimacy as a means of regime change. Unlike in Nigeria and Zimbabwe, where similar abuse has occurred, Kenya illustrates how the streets form an assertive, uncontrollable and destructive alternative.

Godwin Murunga lectures in History at Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya. He holds a PhD in History from Northwestern University and an MA from Kenyatta University. He is an Executive Committee member of the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA) representing the East Africa region. His articles have appeared in several journals, including Africa Development, the Journal of Asian and African Studies, and the Journal of Contemporary African Studies. His has previously co-edited Kenya: the Struggle for Democracy (2007).

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Neoliberal Africa
The Impact of Global Social Engineering
Graham Harrison

Neoliberalism has shaped African development for nearly thirty years. As such, it is not an economic 'shock' or a 'structural adjustment', but rather an unprecedented, historic shift in Africa's development politics and policy. 'Neoliberal Africa' explores the ways in which African countries have experienced and sometimes suffered under the neoliberal project, highlighting how this project has gone beyond economic liberalisation towards a bolder social transformation.

As an ideology, neoliberalism projects an end-point not simply of a market economy but of a market society. After thirty years of projects, aid disbursement, technical assistance and conditionality, this book maps out the extent to which African states have cleaved to neoliberal directives, revealing that professed neoliberal 'progress' has been remarkably limited in spite of the resources behind it and lack of alternatives to it.

Graham Harrison teaches Politics at the University of Sheffield. He has written on democratisation, corruption, governance and the World Bank with a particular interest in Africa and especially eastern Africa. He is an editor of New Political Economy and is Coordinating Editor of Review of African Political Economy.

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Politics in Africa
A New Introduction
Nana K. Poku & Tony Barnett

Democracy, prosperity and self-rule, this was the vision of African independence. The founding father of Ghana, Kwame Nkrumah, claimed: 'with self government, we'll transform Africa into a paradise in ten years.' A mere 50 years later, Nkrumah's assurance seems no more than a distant dream. Across the continent, the 'optimism' that characterized the immediate post-independence period has largely faded. Meanwhile, ordinary Africans lurch between undemocratic, unaccountable and unresponsive governments and a decaying traditional African past.

How did things go so wrong? Why has the continent lagged behind others in economic development despite its potential natural resources? Why are so many African states prone to conflict? And why has democracy been slow to take root in a majority of the countries?

The answers to these questions lie in complex interconnections between politics and society, between domestic and external forces. 'Politics in Africa' offers a fresh perspective that makes the continent's problems more understandable, less wretched and even intensely hopeful. In doing so, it shows how many facets of traditional African values endure and that, despite unimaginable hardship, the continent is not a hopeless or even a sad place.

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The Congo from Leopold to Kabila
A People's History
Georges Nzongola-Ntalaja

The people of the Congo have suffered cruelly throughout the past century from a particularly brutal experience of colonial rule; and, following independence in 1960, external interference by the United States and other powers, a generation-long spoliation at the hands of Mobutu (the dictator installed by the West in 1965), and periodic warfare which even now continues fitfully in the East of the country. But, as this insightful political history of the Congolese democratic movement in the 20th century decisively makes clear, the Congolese people have responded by trying both to establish democratic institutions at home and to free themselves from exploitation from abroad; indeed these cannot be separated one from the other.

Fully updated and revised since the landmark publication of the original edition, this book is essential reading for understanding what is happening in the Congo and the Great Lakes region, and stands as a milestone in how to write the modern political history of Africa.

Georges Nzongola-Ntalaja is a renowned scholar of African politics and an international consultant specializing in public policy, governance and conflict-related issues. Past President of the African Studies Association of the United States (ASA) and of the African Association of Political Science (AAPS), Professor Nzongola is the author of several books and numerous articles on African politics, development, and conflict issues. His major work, The Congo from Leopold to Kabila: A People's History, won the 2004 Best Book Award of the African Politics Conference Group (APCG), an organization of American political scientists specializing on Africa.

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The Democracy Gap
Africa’s Wasted Years
William Gumede

Why has it been so difficult to sustain democracy in Africa?

At the end of colonialism, the liberation movements promised so much in the name of freedom and democracy. Over the last fifty years, however, most of the governments that sprang from these movements have behaved in ways that are markedly undemocratic. The opposition parties that came to power after the end of corrupt and authoritarian regimes have not done much better. For ordinary citizens, the cost of this 'democracy gap' has been devastating - uncountable numbers have lost their lives, there has been a staggering loss of human potential, development has been stunted and societies have imploded.

William Gumede's timely and powerful analysis of the fate of democracy across the continent is essential reading.

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The Lord's Resistance Army
Myth and Reality
Tim Allen and Koen Vlassenroot

The Lord's Resistance Army is Africa's most extraordinarily persistent and notorious 'terrorist' group. Since their rebellion in northern Uganda began in 1987, the group is estimated to have abducted an estimated 30,000 children as well as committing a series of massacres and other horrific human rights abuses against the local population. Led by the mysterious Joseph Kony, who in 2005 was indicted by the International Criminal Court, they remain a group that inspires both fascination and fear.

Authoritative but provocative, 'The Lord's Resistance Army' provides the most comprehensive analysis of the group available, dismantling numerous myths and providing a wealth of information that is not widely known. From the issue of child soldiers to the response of the Ugandan government, the book looks at every aspect of this most brutal of conflicts, and even includes a remarkable first-hand interview with Joseph Kony himself.

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Prof. Koen Vlassenroot is the Coordinator of the Conflict Research Group at Ghent University.

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The Rise of China and India in Africa
Challenges, Opportunities and Critical Interventions
Edited by Fantu Cheru and Cyril Obi

In recent years, China and India have become the most important economic partners of Africa and their footprints are growing by leaps and bounds, transforming Africa's international relations in a dramatic way. Although the overall impact of China and India's engagement in Africa has been positive in the short-term, partly as a result of higher returns from commodity exports fuelled by excessive demands from both countries, little research exists on the actual impact of China and India's growing involvement on Africa's economic transformation. This book examines in detail the opportunities and challenges posed by the increasing presence of China and India in Africa, and proposes critical interventions that African governments must undertake in order to negotiate with China and India from a stronger and more informed platform.

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Asia
Oil on Water
Tankers, Pirates and the Rise of China
Paul French and Sam Chambers

Out of sight, out of mind. That's the general public's reaction to the crucial movement of oil around the world's oceans. Yet this vital supply chain that allows the world to function is constantly under enormous, largely unreported pressure. The uninterrupted flow of oil is essential to globalisation and increasingly so as manufacturing and markets move Eastwards to Asia. However, it is threatened by conflicts between nation states, pirates and global warming.

All too often the movement of oil by ocean is something taken for granted by the majority of the world yet it is fraught with difficulty, and could haemorrhage global growth if issues covered in this book are not resolved or allowed to escalate.

From reporting onboard giant tankers to looking at the geopolitical shift in oil consumption, Oil on Water is holistic, all encompassing and engrossing look at the way oil is moved and consumed mixing reportage, examples and hard-hitting facts.

Paul French has been based in Shanghai for many years as Chief China Representative of research and analysis consultancy Access Asia. He is a regular commentator of China and North East Asia on the international media. He is the author of a number of previous books including the well received North Korea The Paranoid Pensinsula for Zed Books.

Sam Chambers has lived in China for a decade and his career as a travel and transport writer has taken him to the four corners of the country. He has co-authored a number of books including a travel guide to Yunnan and Hunan provinces as well as a transportation guide to the Yangtze. Writing for a variety of titles including the Sunday Times and the Royal Geographic Society Chambers follows very closely the day-to-day needs and demands of this rapidly evolving nation. After living in Hong Kong for many years he is now based in the northeastern city of Dalian.

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In recent years, China and India have become the most important economic partners of Africa and their footprints are growing by leaps and bounds, transforming Africa's international relations in a dramatic way. Although the overall impact of China and India's engagement in Africa has been positive in the short-term, partly as a result of higher returns from commodity exports fuelled by excessive demands from both countries, little research exists on the actual impact of China and India's growing involvement on Africa's economic transformation. This book examines in detail the opportunities and challenges posed by the increasing presence of China and India in Africa, and proposes critical interventions that African governments must undertake in order to negotiate with China and India from a stronger and more informed platform.

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Vietnam
Rethinking the State
Martin Gainsborough

Vietnam: Rethinking the state offers an exciting and up-to-date look at the politics of this fascinating country as it seeks to make the transition from war-torn economic backwater to a dynamic and modern society. The book argues for a move away from the commonly associated idea of 'reform', arguing for a deeper understanding of the concept and questioning the idea of state-retreat. The result is a path-breaking book which gets beneath the surface of Vietnam's politics in a way which few outsiders otherwise could.

Martin Gainsborough is a recognised international expert on Vietnam and its politics. He is Reader in Development Politics in the Department of Politics at the University of Bristol. He is also director of the Bristol-Mekong Project, and consults widely on aspects of Vietnam's politics and business, notably for the United Nations Development Programme, the UK's Department for International Development, and the World Bank. He teaches on development studies, Vietnamese and Asian politics, and state theory. He is author of Changing Political Economy of Vietnam: The Case of Ho Chi Minh City (Routledge, 2003) and editor of On the Borders of State Power: Frontiers in the Greater Mekong Sub-Region (Routledge 2009).

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Zionists and Indian Nationalists
Imaging Nations, Creating States
James Chiriyankandath

Zionists and Indian Nationalists is a groundbreaking comparative study of Indian nationalism and Zionism, which draws wide-ranging conclusions for nationalism in the modern world. Chiriyankandath analyses the ideological and political development of Indian nationalism and Zionism through the twentieth century and examines how have they have come to shape the states of Israel and India. In doing so, he explores the tensions and contradictions of reconciling the exclusivist inflections inherent in nationalism with the ethnic and religious plural reality of states.

Based on over a decade of research, it draws upon the rich corpus of historical, sociological and political work on Indian nationalism and Zionism, primary archival sources and interviews in India, Israel, the Occupied Territories, the United States and Britain. The book confronts the challenge of creating a society capable of transcending nationalism, asking whether it is possible to sustain a sense of shared political community without fostering the politics of chauvinism that flow from redefining religion in ethnic terms. Though this is most dramatically illustrated by the history of India and Israel, Chiriyankandath argues that this that this is a dilemma that all nation states, to some degree, are forced to face.

James Chiriyankandath is Director of Research, Department of Law, Governance & International Relations at London Metropolitan University. He is also Editor of the journal Commonwealth & Comparative Politics. Born in Kenya in 1960, he lived in Sudan and India. After completing a PhD. in the political history of South Asia at the School of Oriental & African Studies, University of London, he was a British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Hull before joining London Guildhall University in 1993. He has published many journal articles and edited or contributed to several books including most recently Democracy in India (OUP, 2001), Coalition Politics and Hindu Nationalism (Routledge, 2005), Palgrave Advances in Development Studies (London: Palgrave, 2005) and Politics in the Developing World (OUP, 2007).

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Development
Aid for Development
Emma Mawdsley

Aid for Development not only explains the architecture of aid for developing countries, but engages centrally with so-called new 'emerging', 'non-traditional' donors. Whilst some of these countries have been engaged in various forms of development assistance for decades they are experiencing a new visibility, and the book describes how these new development donors are just one of the challenges confronting the 'mainstream' foreign aid community.

Emma Mawdsley is a Lecturer in Human Geography at Cambridge University. Previously, she worked on India’s overseas development assistance whilst leading a project on contemporary India-East Africa relations. Her interests also include the way in which India’s middle classes experience and construct environmental change.

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Communication for Another Development
Listening before Telling
Wendy Quarry and Ricardo Ramirez

This lively book argues that in the development process, communication is everything. The authors, world experts in this field as teachers, practitioners and theorists, argue that Communication for Development is a creative and innovative way of thinking that can permeate the overall approach to any development initiative. They illustrate their argument with vivid case studies and tools for the reader, drawing on the stories of individual project leaders who have championed development for communication, and using a range of situations to show the different possibilities in various contexts.

Free from jargon, and keeping a close look at how development is actually being implemented at ground level, this book is an important contribution to development studies not just for students but also for development practitioners and policy makers.

Wendy Quarry and Ricardo Ramirez are both independent consultant practitioners in Communication for Development, they have worked together on field projects, evaluations and publications over the last years, and they have been involved in relevant academia and development circles.

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Body Politics in Development
Critical Debates in Gender and Development
Wendy Harcourt

Body Politics 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 engagingly written book reveals how once tabooed issues such as rape, gender based violence, sexual and reproductive rights have emerged fully fledged into the public arena as critical grounds of contention and struggle. Engaging in the latest feminist thinking and action, the book covers a broad range of key gender and development issues, including women's human rights, fundamentalism, sexualities and new technologies. It describes the struggles around body politics for people living in economic and socially vulnerable communities. The viewpoints are diverse - from the self, family and community to the public at national and international levels. The book's originality comes through the author's rich personal insights, her own engagement in feminist activism, global body politics, women's movements, and gender and development policy debates.

Wendy Harcourt is a feminist researcher and activist working at the Society for International Development in Rome Italy as senior advisor and chief editor of the quarterly journal Development. Since 1988 she has built up the journal to be one of the most honest and critical quarterly publications on development. Born in Australia she now lives in Italy and is actively engaged in global feminist politics through her work with Women in Development Europe, European Feminist Forum and the Feminist Dialogues. Her work and commitment to global gender justice has taken her around the world teaming up with UN policy makers, research institutes, women's groups and social justice movements. She has written extensively on globalization and development from a gender perspective. Global Body Politics in Gender and Development is her first full-length book.

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'Youth' has emerged as a critical focus for debate within developing nations; yet, youth issues have often only been seen in terms of economic and social policy, and young people themselves marginalized by widespread negative public attitudes.

This compelling and insightful book shows the way policy and international agreement has failed to prioritize youth, instead leading to young people falling through the cracks of government and NGO programmes.

In this collection of essays, an alternative perspective on development issues is given, offering a more humanistic approach to this important, and growing, issue. Excellently researched and sensitively considered, the authors bring to light young people's impact, not just on developing economies, but on culture, society and politics.

A timely book, this is an important addition to the study of development programmes and a shrewd analysis of their unseen impact.

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Conflict and Development
Eleanor O'Gorman

During the 1900s the drive of liberal peace efforts in the form of humanitarian intervention transformed the ways in which traditional development assistance operated in war and post-war situations. From Somalia and Rwanda to Bosnia and Sri Lanka, conflict, security and development became more intertwined as more integrated programmes and interventions were advocated by the international community. Conflict and Development, whilst serving as an in-depth introduction to key themes and context, questions the extent to which international aid has over-reached in seeking to engage more centrally in addressing the causes and consequences of violent conflict. Using this framework, the author traces the contested evolution of the conflict and development agenda from the 1990s and explores the politics of aid and policymaking in relation to international conflict. By taking a combined approach of theory, policy and practice this vital new book explores and comprehensively explains the impact of conflict on development and vice-versa through the series of concise thematic chapters.

Dr. Eleanor O’ Gorman has over fifteen years experience in the fields of international conflict, human rights and development. As a consultant to national and international organisations, she advises on conflict prevention and peacebuilding. She is currently a Research Associate at the Centre of International Studies, University of Cambridge.

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Diasporas
Concepts, Identities, Intersections
Edited by Kim Knott & Sean McLoughlin

Despite the increasing importance of the concept of 'diaspora' and its widespread use in academic case studies and in the self-description of a number of minority communities and networks, the subject has received relatively little general scholarly treatment. Diasporas: Concepts, Identities, Intersections addresses this lack by providing a comprehensive and authoritative overview of the political and cultural ideas and groups involved.

Wide-ranging and interdisciplinary, the book contains examinations of major concepts and theories, including migration, ethnicity and postcolonialism. It also provides introductions to selected key diasporas – Jewish, Irish and African American among others – as well as discussions of diaspora in relation to a range of important issues and processes, and explorations of new directions in research.

Kim Knott is Director of the AHRC 'Diasporas, Migration and Identities' Programme, overseeing some fifty small and large projects, workshops and networks. She combines this with her role as Professor of Religious Studies at the University of Leeds. Her first book was on what would now be called the 'Hindu diaspora' in Britain (1986); her most recent on is The Location of Religion: A Spatial Analysis (2005). Her work has included articles over many years on migration, ethnicity, identity and religion, and more recently space and place.

Dr Seán McLoughlin is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at Leeds working in the fields of Islamic studies and anthropology of religion, and teaching on Muslims, multiculturalism and citizenship. He is author of the forthcoming book, Representing Muslims: Religion, Ethnicity and the Politics of Identity (Pluto Press, 2007) and co-editor (with J. Cesari) of European Muslims and the Secular State (Aldershot, Ashgate, 2005). He is Principal Investigator of the AHRC network, 'From Diaspora to Multi-Locality: Writing British Asian Cities', and co-convenor of the Muslims in Britain Research Network.

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Learning for Development
Hazel Johnson and Gordon Wilson

The organizational and institutional embedding of new learning is one of the biggest challenges for development. This book in the Why Development Matters series takes a learning approach to development, focusing the learning that takes place through development action – be it intentional and structured, or the outcome of different forms of engagement.

Learning for Development also demonstrates how important a critical awareness of the social dynamics of learning is for individuals and their organizations, and for building coherent policy and action. Through a number of case-studies and a wealth of interdisciplinary research, Learning for Development proposes a more flexible model of development action which aims to ensure that projects address the specific needs of, improves dialogue between, local groups and individuals.

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Megacities
The Politics of Urban Exclusion and Violence in the Global South
Kees Koonings & Dirk Kruijt

The twenty-first century is set to be the stage for the massive urbanization of the world's population. Particularly, the so-called 'megacities' around the world are rapidly becoming the scene for deprivation and exclusion, especially in what has come to be called the 'global south'. In such large-scale yet concentrated social environments, a complex set of relationships links poverty and exclusion to urban politics, power relations and public policy.

Violent actors look for power in strategies that seek access to urban politics and policy-making. The urban poor are confronted with the challenge of charting pathways in their 'encounters with violence'. Local politicians, administrators, grass roots leaders and NGO officials are faced with the puzzle how to restore effective non-violent institutions, legitimate governance and citizen security.

Megacities examines recent world-wide trends in poverty and social exclusion, urban violence and politics, and links these to the challenges faced by policy-makers and practitioners in 'megacities' across the globe.

Kees Koonings is Associate Professor of Development Studies in the Faculty of Social Sciences, Utrecht University.
Dirk Kruijt is Professor of Development Studies in the Faculty of Social Sciences, Utrecht University. They are the co-editors of four previously published Zed Books titles: Societies of Fear: The Legacy of Civil War, Violence and Terror in Latin America (1999); Political Armies: The Military and Nation Building in the Age of Democracy (2002); Armed Actors: Organised Violence and State Failure in Latin America (2004); Fractured Cities: Social Exclusion, Urban Violence and Contested Spaces in Latin America (2006)

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Population and Development

Tim Dyson

The demographic transition and its related effects of population growth, fertility decline and ageing populations are fraught with problems and controversy. When discussed in relation to the global south and the modern project of development, the questions and answers become more problematic.

Population and Development expertly guides the reader through the demographic transition's origins in the Enlightenment and Europe, through to the rest of the world. Whilst the phenomenon continues to cause unsustainable population growth with disastrous economic and environmental implications, the author examines how its processes have underlain previous periods of sustained economic growth; helped to liberate women from the domestic domain; and contributed greatly to the rise of modern democracy. This accessible and expert analysis will enable any student or expert in development studies to understand complex and vital demographic theory.

Tim Dyson is Professor of Population Studies at the London School of Economics. He was educated in England and Canada, and has held visiting positions at the Australian National University in Canberra, the International Institute of Population Sciences in Mumbai, and the American University of Beirut. His research interests include world food and agricultural prospects, the causes and consequences of famines, the demographic basis of urban growth and urbanization, climate change and global warming, the demography and epidemiology of HIV/AIDS, and the past, present and future population of the Indian subcontinent. He is a past President of the British Society for Population Studies and was elected a Fellow of the British Academy in 2001.

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Postcolonial Economies
Rethinking Material Lives
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Postcolonial approaches to understanding economies are of increasing academic and political significance as questions about the nature of globalisation, transnational flows of capital and workers and the making and re-making of territorial borders assume centre stage in debates about contemporary economies and policy. Despite the growing academic and political urgency in understanding how 'other' cultures encounter 'the west', economics-oriented approaches within social sciences (e.g. Development Economics, Economic Geography and the discipline of Economics itself) have been slow to engage with the ideas and challenges posed by postcolonial critiques. In turn, postcolonial approaches have been criticised for their simplistic treatment of 'the economic' and for not engaging with existing economic analyses of poverty and wealth creation. This book aims to break new ground in providing a space for nascent debates about postcolonialism and its treatment of 'the economic' and brings together scholars in a range of disciplines, including Geography, Economics, Development Studies, History, and Women's Studies.


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Race, Racism and Development
Interrogating history, discourse and practice
Kalpana Wilson

Race, Racism and Development is the first book to place constructions of race and racism at the centre of a comprehensive analysis of the dominant discourses and practices of development. The author compares and contrasts two key theoretical approaches to race the postcolonial approach and a political economy approach - to provide the reader with provocative theoretical analyses, illuminated by topical case studies. Organised thematically, the insightful work includes a strong historical component, with parallels between the contemporary world and the colonial period. The book tackles human rights, imperialism, culture, ethnic conflict, HIV/AIDS and the role of diasporas, and highlights the latent racialisation in such debates to argue that development can only be understood within a full understanding of the relationship between north and south.

Dr Kalpana Wilson is a Fellow in Transnational Studies at LSE’s Gender Institute. In addition to her extensive investigations into the ways in which notions of ‘race’ are inscribed within discourses of development, her interests also include the relationships between neo-liberalism, gender and concepts of agency.

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Science and Technology for Development
James Smith

Science, technology and development have always been inextricably linked. As scientific knowledge evolves and new technologies are developed new opportunities for developing countries open up alongside new challenges and threats. The Green Revolution raised yields of cereal crops but brought about unforeseen societal and environmental problems. Genetically modified crops may offer improved yields but raise new questions regarding intellectual property and trade. The development of alternative forms of energy, such as bioenergy, may play a role in combating climate change but there are implications for food supply and global food prices.

This book presents some of the key debates and questions surrounding technology for development. Can technology transform developing country societies? Can technology allow developing countries to 'catch up' with developed countries? How can we mitigate against the impacts, unforeseen as they may be, of new, increasingly complex and transformative technologies? How can we best organise research and development to ensure that technologies that reflect the needs and realities of those most in need are articulated? These questions and more are interrogated through a series of case studies of science, technology and development.

James Smith is co-director of and a senior lecturer in the Centre of African Studies at the University of Edinburgh. He is also a director at the ESRC Innogen Research Centre at Edinburgh and a visiting fellow in development policy and practice at the Open University. His research explores the relationships between knowledge, science and development, particularly in relation to agricultural research and how it is practised. He has worked with many international organisations and research centres including Oxfam, DFID, IDRC and the Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research.

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The Development Dictionary
A Guide to Knowledge as Power (re-issue)
Edited by Wolfgang Sachs

In this pioneering collection, some of the world’s most eminent critics of development review the key concepts of the development discourse in the post-war era.

Each essay examines one concept from a historical and anthropological point of view and highlights its particular bias. Exposing their historical obsolescence and intellectual sterility, the authors call for a bidding farewell to the whole Eurocentric development idea. This is urgently needed, they argue, in order to liberate people’s minds - in both North and South - for bold responses to the environmental and ethical challenges now confronting humanity.

These essays are an invitation to experts, grassroots movements and students of development to recognize the tainted glasses they put on whenever they participate in the development discourse.

Wolfgang Sachs is a senior research fellow at the Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment and Energy. He has long been active in the German and Italian green movements and is currently chairman of the board of Greenpeace in Germany. Amongst the various appointments he has held, he has been co-editor of the Society for International Development’s journal Development in Rome; Visiting Professor of Science, Technology and Society at Pennsylvania State University in the USA; and a Fellow at the Institute for Cultural Studies in Essen. His first book, For Love of the Automobile: Looking Back into the History of Our Desires was published by University of California Press in 1992. He also edited the immensely influential Development Dictionary: A Guide to Knowledge as Power which was published by Zed Books in the same year and has since been translated into numerous languages. His most recent book in English (coauthored), Greening the North: A Post-Industtrial Blueprint for Ecology and Equity, marks an important shift of agenda beyond critique to envisaging concrete alternatives and feasible processes of social transition. Wolfgang Sachs travels widely as a public speaker and university lecturer in Europe, North America and the South.

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The Aid Triangle
Recognising the Human Dynamics of Dominance, Justice and Identity
Malcolm MacLachlan, Eilish McAuliffe, Stuart C Carr

The Aid Triangle focuses on the human dynamics of international aid and illustrates how the aid system incorporates power relationships, and therefore relationships of dominance. Using the concept of a triangle of “dominance, injustice and identity” this timely work explains how the experience of injustice is both a challenge to, and a stimulus to, personal, community and national identity, and how such identities underlie the human potential that international aid should seek to enrich. This insightful new critique provides for the reader an innovative and constructive framework for producing more empowering and more effective aid.

Malcolm MacLachlan is with the Centre for Global Health and the School of Psychology at Trinity College Dublin, Ireland, and is currently a Visiting Professor at the Centre for Rehabilitation Studies, Stellenbosch University, and at the Department of Social Medicine and Global Health, Harvard University. Mac worked as a clinical psychologist and management consultant before becoming an academic. His research interests are in inclusive global health and humanitarian work psychology. Mac is the Director of the International Doctoral School for Global Health (Indigo).

Stuart C. Carr is Professor of Psychology, Industrial and Organizational (I/O) Psychology Programme, Massey University, New Zealand. Professor Carr coordinates the Poverty Research Group, an international network focused on interdisciplinary approaches to reducing poverty. Stuart's speciality is applying I/O psychology to poverty reduction. His books are among the first to examine poverty reduction from an I/O, work psychology perspective.

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The Myth of Development, 2nd edt
Non-Viable Economies and the Crisis of Civilization
Oswaldo de Rivero

The message of this courageous classic book is that the benefits of development, so long promised over the past sixty years, have not come about for most people. Nor are they going to.

State-driven and market-led development models have both failed. Many countries, and their cities in particular, are collapsing into 'ungovernable chaotic entities' under the control of warlords and mafias. Oswaldo de Rivero argues that the 'wealth of nations' agenda must be replaced by a 'survival of nations' agenda. In order to prevent increasing human misery and political disorder, many countries must abandon dreams of development and adopt instead a policy of national survival based on providing basic water, food and energy, and stabilizing their populations.

This much-anticipated new edition not only features updated figures and statistics but also original new writing on the most essential new issues for the development myth, including emerging economies, the global economic crises, environmental issues and particularly, climate change.

Oswaldo de Rivero is a former Peruvian diplomat, ex-Ambassador to the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva (he resigned because of, in his own words, a profound disagreement with President Fujimori's government), and author of New Economic Order and International Development Law (Pergamon). His views are the result of a profound knowledge of the international scene acquired during more than 20 years in a broad range of international forums. Today he lives in Geneva where he worked as a consultant until his appointment by the new Peruvian government as Ambassador to the World Trade Organization (WTO) in early 2001. He is currently writing a new book.

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The Participation Reader
Edited by Andrea Cornwall

Calls for greater participation of those affected by development interventions in shaping their outcomes have a long history. This reader explores the conceptual and methodological dimensions of participatory research and the politics and practice of participation in development. Through excerpts from the texts that have inspired contemporary advocates of participation, accounts of the principles of participatory research and empirical studies that show some of the complexities of participation in practice, it offers a range of reflections on participation that will be of interest to those new to the field and experienced practitioners alike. Bringing together for the first time classic and contemporary writings from a literature that spans a century, it offers a unique perspective on the possibilities and dilemmas that face those seeking to enable those whom development affects to gain greater voice in determining decisions and directions for development projects, programmes and policies.

Andrea Cornwall is a Fellow at the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex. She has worked in the field of participation for many years, and is author of Beneficiary, Consumer, Citizen: Perspectives on Participation for Poverty Reduction (Sida 2000), and co-editor of Pathways to Participation (with Garett Pratt, IT Publications 2003) and Spaces for Change? The Politics of Citizen Participation in New Democratic Arenas (with Vera Schattan Coelho, Zed Books 2006).

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Thinking about Development
Bjorn Hettne

This book is a concise and accessible introduction to development thinking, contemporary development theory and practice and - a critical analysis of the values that lie behind them. Hettne argues that schools of development thinking should be historically contextualized, not presented as evolving towards a universal theory. The book will present development as an 'essentially contested concept', that has meant a number of things at various times to different people in different places. Focusing on historical discourses from the initial colonial encounters through to the modern day, Hettne draws the connections between the enlightenment belief in 'progress' through to the more recent focus on the Millennium Development Goals. The first volume in the 'Development Matters' series this book provides the key frame for the series as a whole, enabling readers to locate texts on themes such as environmental justice, technology and development learning within a broader historical, conceptual and political context than the immediate policy and output needs of neoliberalism.

Bjorn Hettne is Professor Emeritus of Peace and Development Studies at Gothenburg University. His main research has been in India, and he has written a large number of books and articles on development theory, global regionalism, international relations, the development-security nexus, as well as Europe and the world order.

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Economics
Beyond the Profits System
Possibilities for a Post-Capitalist Era
Harry Shutt

Since 2008, we have found ourselves confronted by an historic financial holocaust that world leaders have struggled to come to terms with. All have wilfully ignored its long-term, systemic causes and are thus unable to chart a way to survival. As explained by Harry Shutt – who was almost alone in foreseeing such a disaster in the 1990s (in The Trouble with Capitalism) – their continued denial stems from a vested interest in maintaining a capitalist profits system which is not only as destructive as it was in the 1930s but as outmoded as feudalism was in 1789. Thus it can now only be sustained by an increasing reliance to official misinformation, massive criminal fraud and the ever greater dependence of private corporations on state subsidy.

This book makes clear why the desperate resort of Western governments to 'extraordinary measures' to try and avert economic collapse is bound to fail. It also forcefully demonstrates why our only hope of reversing the tide is to abandon the traditional economic logic of endlessly expanding production in favour of responding to the aspirations of ordinary people. Such a transformation, argues Shutt, would make possible the allocation of resources to more socially desirable ends, including the assurance of basic economic security for all as a right of citizenship.


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According to many scientists, climate change is a growing threat to life as we know it, requiring a large-scale, immediate response. According to many economists, climate change is a moderately important problem; the best policy is a slow, gradual start, to avoid spending too much. They can't both be right.

In this book, Frank Ackerman offers a refreshing look at the economics of climate change, explaining how the arbitrary assumptions of conventional theories get in the way of understanding this urgent problem. The benefits of climate protection are vital but priceless, and hence often devalued in cost-benefit calculations. Preparation for the most predictable outcomes of global warming is less important than protection against the growing risk of catastrophic change; massive investment in new, low carbon technologies and industries should be thought of as life insurance for the planet.

Ackerman makes an impassioned plea to construct a better economics, arguing that the solutions are affordable and the alternative is unthinkable. If we can't afford the future, what are we saving our money for?

**Frank Ackerman** is a research fellow at Global Development and Environment Institute and a senior scientist at Stockholm Environment Institute-US Centre, both at Tufts University. He is a founding member of Economists for Equity and Environment (E3) and a member scholar of the Centre for Progressive Reform. He has directed major policy studies for organizations ranging from Greenpeace to the European Parliament.

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Out of sight, out of mind. That's the general public's reaction to the crucial movement of oil around the world's oceans. Yet this vital supply chain that allows the world to function is constantly under enormous, largely unreported pressure. The uninterrupted flow of oil is essential to globalisation and increasingly so as manufacturing and markets move Eastwards to Asia. However, it is threatened by conflicts between nation states, pirates and global warming.

All too often the movement of oil by ocean is something taken for granted by the majority of the world yet it is fraught with difficulty, and could haemorrhage global growth if issues covered in this book are not resolved or allowed to escalate.

From reporting onboard giant tankers to looking at the geopolitical shift in oil consumption, Oil on Water is holistic, all encompassing and engrossing look at the way oil is moved and consumed mixing reportage, examples and hard-hitting facts.

Paul French has been based in Shanghai for many years as Chief China Representative of research and analysis consultancy Access Asia. He is a regular commentator of China and North East Asia on the international media. He is the author of a number of previous books including the well received North Korea The Paranoid Pensinsula for Zed Books.

Sam Chambers has lived in China for a decade and his career as a travel and transport writer has taken him to the four corners of the country. He has co-authored a number of books including a travel guide to Yunnan and Hunan provinces as well as a transportation guide to the Yangtze. Writing for a variety of titles including the Sunday Times and the Royal Geographic Society Chambers follows very closely the day-to-day needs and demands of this rapidly evolving nation. After living in Hong Kong for many years he is now based in the northeastern city of Dalian.

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Postcolonial Economies
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The Deadly Ideas of Neoliberalism
How the IMF has Undermined Public Health and the Fight Against AIDS
Rick Rowden

'The Deadly Ideas of Neoliberalism' explores the history of and current collision between two of the major global phenomena that have characterized the last 30 years: the spread of HIV/AIDS and other diseases of poverty and the ascendancy of neoliberal economic ideas. The book explains not only how IMF policies of restrictive spending have exacerbated public health problems in developing countries, in particular the HIV/AIDS crisis, but also how such issues cannot be resolved under these economic policies. It also suggests how mounting global frustration about this inability to adequately address HIV/AIDS will ultimately lead to challenges to the dominant neoliberal ideas, as other more effective economic ideas for increasing public spending are sought.

In stark, powerful terms, Rowden offers a unique and in-depth critique of development economics, the political economy dynamics of global foreign aid and health institutions, and how these seemingly abstract factors play out in the real world - from the highest levels of global institutions to African finance and health ministries to rural health outposts in the countryside of developing nations, and back again.

Rick Rowden worked in Washington DC for 9 years with advocacy NGOs engaged on foreign aid and development issues, including as senior policy analyst for the US office of ActionAid. He has travelled extensively and worked with policy makers, economists and advocacy NGOs across Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe to critically analyze the macroeconomic policies of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and their impact on health spending in developing countries. He is currently an Inter-Regional Advisor with the Globalization and Development Strategies Division of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in Geneva, Switzerland.

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Mainstream textbooks present economics as an objective science free from value judgements; that settles disputes by testing hypotheses; that applies a pre-determined body of principles; and contains policy prescriptions supported by a consensus of professional opinion. The 'Economics Anti-Textbook' argues that this is a myth - one which is not only dangerously misleading but also bland and boring. It challenges the mainstream textbooks' assumptions, arguments, models and evidence. It puts the controversy and excitement back into economics to reveal a fascinating and a vibrant field of study - one which is more an 'art of persuasion' than it is a science.

The Anti-Textbook's chapters parallel the major topics in the typical text, beginning with a boiled-down account of them before presenting an analysis and critique. Drawing on the work of leading economists, the Anti-Textbook lays bare the blind spots in the texts and their sins of omission and commission. It shows where hidden value judgements are made and when contrary evidence is ignored. It shows the claims made without any evidence and the alternative theories that aren't mentioned. It shows the importance of power, social context and legal framework.

'The Economics Anti-Textbook' is the students' guide to decoding the textbooks and shows how real economics is much more interesting than most economists are willing to let on.

Tony Myatt received his PhD from McMaster University with distinction in theory. He has taught Economics at McMaster University, Western University, Nipissing University College, the University of Toronto, and the University of New Brunswick. His research interests have included the supply-side effects of interest rates, labour market discrimination, unemployment rate disparities, and the methods and content of economic education. 

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The Macroeconomics of Sustainability
Alejandro Nadal

The world is caught in the deepest financial and economic crisis since the Great Depression. The economic crisis is not the result of what could be called a rare probability event (‘a perfect storm’) but rather the unavoidable outcome of an economic paradigm that dominated policy-making since the early eighties, one that has come to view the natural resource base as simply another asset to be exploited. At the same time, we are trapped in a vicious environmental predicament. We are not only threatened by stagnation, deflation, unemployment and poverty. Our world is also menaced by climate change, deforestation, soil erosion, polluted aquifers and a man-made event of mass extinction.

The Macroeconomics of Sustainability explores the relationship between macroeconomic policies and environmental sustainability, arguing that monetary and fiscal policies are as important for environmental stewardship as they are for growth and prosperity – something that has not been adequately recognized thus far.

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The recent, devastating and ongoing economic crisis has exposed the faultlines in the dominant neoliberal economic order, opening debate for the first time in years on alternative visions that do not subscribe to a 'free' market ethic. In particular, the core contradiction at the heart of neoliberalism – that states are necessary for the functioning of free markets – provides us with the opportunity to think again about how we want to organise our economies and societies. The Rise and Fall of Neoliberalism presents critical perspectives of neoliberal policies, questions the ideas underpinning neoliberalism, and explores diverse response to it from around the world.

In bringing together the work of distinguished scholars and dedicated activists to question neoliberal hegemony, the book exposes the often fractured and multifarious manifestations of neoliberalism which will have to be challenged to bring about meaningful social change.

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The Social Economy
Alternative Ways of Thinking about Capitalism and Welfare
Edited by Ash Amin

The Social Economy is emerging as a topic of considerable research and policy interest, both on its own terms and as a symptom of a changing economy and society. From creches to environmental services, consumer cooperatives to social housing, governments in many countries have begun to introduce legislation to support social enterprises. This book gathers together on the social economy from around the world. Beginning by tracing the relation of the social economy to contemporary capitalism, the book presents the modern economy as a differentiated entity composed of diverse principles of organisation and behaviour, rather than driven by an all defining logic. Taking case studies from Australasia, Europe, North America and Latin America the book outlines the different ways that the social economy takes place according to locally specific factors, and argues that, against critics who would characterize the sector for providing poor quality goods and services and low-paid, low-quality and precarious employment, in many countries the case evidence is plentiful that social enterprise work compares favourably with the best experience in the state and private sector. The book examines the conditions that foster success in the social economy and the complicated and often difficult relationship between it and the imperatives of the global market, examining the context-specific institutional conditions necessary for social enterprises to flourish successfully.

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Is it really true that international trade is vital for eliminating world poverty and achieving a sustainable future? Or is economic globalisation the villain of the piece? Clive George's provocative book examines the evidence, exposes the myths, and presents challenging new proposals for comprehensive reform of the global trading system. Based on ten years of in-depth research into the impacts of the trade agreements that are forged in the World Trade Organisation and through regional negotiations it reveals that few of the claims made by the major players stand up to scrutiny, while many of the counter-claims lack rigour in their analysis of key issues. It cuts through the rhetoric with illuminating anecdotes from the author's experience of working with trade negotiators, to present a more realistic view of their motives and the outcomes they achieve. Each of the components of the trade liberalisation agenda is examined in turn, to identify its most likely impacts on the interacting economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development. In some cases the rhetoric approximates to the truth while in many others it does not. From its analysis of the relationships between trade, social transformation, economic growth and environmental sustainability, the book concludes with proposals for how the rules by which trade is governed might be reformed to help tackle the world's most pressing problems instead of making them worse.

Clive George followed a career in industrial management before joining the University of Manchester to undertake research and consultancy on the use of impact assessment techniques in international development. As a Senior Research Fellow in the University's School of Environment and Development he was principal advisor to the World Bank on the evaluation and development of impact assessment systems in the Middle East and North Africa and has acted as a consultant to the OECD, UNEP and other international agencies. His books include 'Environment and the City' (Routledge, 2008) with Peter Roberts and Joe Ravetz and 'Environmental Assessment in Developing and Transitional Countries' (John Wiley & Sons, 2000) with Norman Lee. He has published numerous articles on sustainable development, impact assessment, global governance and international trade.

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Critical social theories identify oppression as a key focus for social change oriented practice. For every group that is oppressed, one or more other groups are privileged in relation to it. In Undoing Privilege, Bob Pease argues that privilege, as the other side of oppression, has been given insufficient attention in both critical theories and in the practices of social change. This, he says, has allowed dominant groups to reinforce their dominance.

Undoing Privilege explores each of the main sites of privilege, from Western dominance, class elitism and white and patriarchal privilege to the less well examined sites of heterosexual and able-bodied privilege. Drawing upon materialist, post-structural and psycho-social theories that address the structural, cultural and personal dimensions of privilege, Pease develops an intersectional analysis of these sites of dominance. This analysis points out that while the vast majority of people may be oppressed on at least one form of stratification, many are also privileged on another.

Despite their investments in maintaining privilege, Pease demonstrates that members of privileged groups can self-critically challenge the internalised domination that reproduces their sense of entitlement and their prejudice against others. He also explores the potential and limitations of members of privileged groups becoming social justice allies against oppression and their own unearned advantage.

This is a vital book for all of those who are concerned about developing theories and practices for a socially just world.

Bob Pease is Chair of Social Work in the School of Health and Social Development at Deakin University in Geelong, Australia. He has published widely in the fields of masculinity studies and critical approaches to social work practice and is the author or co-editor of ten previous books. His most recent co-edited books are the International Encyclopedia of Men and Masculinities (2007), Migrant Men: Critical Studies of Masculinities and the Migration Experience (2009) and Critical Social Work: Theories and Practices for a Socially Just World (2nd edition 2009). He has been involved in profeminist masculinity politics for many years and actively engaged in campaigns to end men's violence against women.

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Why Doesn't Microfinance Work?
The Fragile Illusion of Local Neoliberalism
Milford Bateman

Over the last thirty years or so, microfinance has risen to become one of the most high-profile policies to address poverty and under-development in developing and transition countries. It is beloved of rock stars, royalty, movie stars, high profile politicians and 'trouble-shooting' economists, such as Jeffrey Sachs and Hernando de Soto. Its most famous pioneer from Bangladesh, Dr Muhammad Yunus, was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2006. Microfinance is consistently rated as one of the most important innovations to have come along this past forty years or so. Dr Bateman believes, however, that microfinance doesn't actually work. His argument is that, if you look more closely, the case for microfinance has actually been largely built on a desire to advance a particular free market ideology, on hype and egregious half-truths, and - latterly - on the Wall Street-style greed, deception and individual self-interest of those actually promoting and working in microfinance. Dr Bateman shows why many of the most fundamental building blocks of microfinance are largely myths, before going on to demonstrate that microfinance actually undermines the institutional foundations required for sustainable development and poverty reduction. As developing and transition countries attempt to repair the coming devastation associated with the global financial crisis, Dr Bateman believes that the role of microfinance in development policy needs to be urgently and fundamentally reconsidered.

In 1991 Milford Bateman PhD joined the University of Wolverhampton as a tenured Lecturer in East European Economics, and in 1996 was appointed Senior Research Fellow in Local Economic Development. Since 1993 Dr Bateman has consulted in the Balkans and wider afield for all the major international agencies, including the World Bank, EU, OECD, UNIDO, UNDP, as well as for the UK's bilateral aid arm, the Department for International Development (DFID), for Oxfam GB, and also directly to several central and local governments in the Balkans. Dr Bateman is also a Visiting Professor of Economics at the University of Juraj Dobrila Pula in Croatia.

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Environment
A Nuclear Waste
Nuclear Power, Climate Change and the Energy Crisis
Gavin Harper

Discounted for a couple of decades as a viable solution, nuclear power is undergoing a resurgence of interest amongst politicians across the developed and developing world, as a result of the search for low-carbon means of providing energy.

"Nuclear Waste" critically examines whether nuclear power is really an option for future energy provision in the context of peak oil and climate change. Focusing on the track record of the nuclear power industry, the economics of nuclear power and scientific developments in the field, Harper takes timeless anti-nuclear arguments and augments them with current facts, figures and developments in the nuclear industry, to provide an up-to-date critique of why nuclear energy is not the answer to the energy crises and climate change.

Gavin Harper is currently working on his PhD Thesis on altherative fuels at Cardiff University. He has given lectures at Liverpool University, Vilnius Gediminas Technical University, Vilnius College of Building and Design and for the Institute of Physics at Southampton University. Gavin is a regular contributor to Green Building Magazine, and EcoGeek and has published a number of popular science and technology books. He was also a contributing author to the ZeroCarbonBritain report published by the Centre for Alternative Technology and Public Interest Research Charity.

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Biofuels and the Globalisation of Risk
The Biggest Change in North-South Relationships Since Colonialism?
James Smith

Biofuels and the Globalisation of Risk offers the reader a fresh and compelling analysis of the politics and policies behind the biofuel story, critically examining the technological optimism and often-idealised promises it makes for the future. Starting with a brief history of bioenergy policy, the book goes on to explore the evolution of biofuels as a policy narrative, as a development ideal and as a socio-technical system through a series of interlinked case studies from Africa, Asia and Latin America. Smith argues that the nature of biofuels, so debated and contested, allow us to understand the relationships between and possible impacts of climate change, globalisation and development in entirely new ways and in doing so allow us to better understand the shifting dynamics of risk, responsibility and impact that investment in biofuels creates.

This essential new critique argues that the support for biofuels points to a deep reconfiguration of risk and responsibility and new forms of environmental determinism where the global south is encouraged to re-orient its agro-food systems towards biofuel crop production in order to allow the global north not to meaningfully engage with altering its levels of consumption, energy use or unsustainable development. Therefore, he argues, risks and responsibilities migrate from north to south and biofuels may constitute the biggest change in North_South relationships since colonialism.

James Smith is co-director of and a senior lecturer in the Centre of African Studies at the University of Edinburgh. He is also a director at the ESRC Innogen Research Centre at Edinburgh and a visiting fellow in development policy and practice at the Open University. His research explores the relationships between knowledge, science and development, particularly in relation to agricultural research and how it is practised. He has worked with many international organisations and research centres including Oxfam, DFID, IDRC and the Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research.

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Can We Afford the Future?
The Economics of a Warming World
Frank Ackerman

According to many scientists, climate change is a growing threat to life as we know it, requiring a large-scale, immediate response. According to many economists, climate change is a moderately important problem; the best policy is a slow, gradual start, to avoid spending too much. They can't both be right.

In this book, Frank Ackerman offers a refreshing look at the economics of climate change, explaining how the arbitrary assumptions of conventional theories get in the way of understanding this urgent problem. The benefits of climate protection are vital but priceless, and hence often devalued in cost-benefit calculations. Preparation for the most predictable outcomes of global warming is less important than protection against the growing risk of catastrophic change; massive investment in new, low carbon technologies and industries should be thought of as life insurance for the planet.

Ackerman makes an impassioned plea to construct a better economics, arguing that the solutions are affordable and the alternative is unthinkable. If we can't afford the future, what are we saving our money for?

Frank Ackerman is a research fellow at Global Development and Environment Institute and a senior scientist at Stockholm Environment Institute-US Centre, both at Tufts University. He is a founding member of Economists for Equity and Environment (E3) and a member scholar of the Centre for Progressive Reform. He has directed major policy studies for organizations ranging from Greenpeace to the European Parliament.

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Climate Change in Africa
Camilla Toulmin

Climate change is a major challenge for us all, but for African countries it represents a particular threat. This book outlines current thinking and evidence and it impact such change will have on Africa's development prospects.

Global warming above the level of two degrees Celsius would be enormously damaging for poorer parts of the world, leading to crises with crops, livestock, water supplies and coastal areas. Within Africa, it's likely to be the continent's poorest people who are hit hardest. In this accessible and authoritative introduction to an often-overlooked aspect of the environment, Camilla Toulmin uses case studies to look at issues ranging from natural disasters to biofuels, and from conflict to the oil industry. Finally, the book addresses what future there might be for Africa in a carbon-constrained world.

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Climate Change and Gender
Challenges for policy and planning
Edited by Minu Hemmati and Ulrike Roehr

A few years ago, mentioning the terms "gender" and "climate change" would mostly raise eyebrows among policy makers, energy and climate experts and scientists, environmental activists and others dealing with matters of climate change. As we move into the times of a changing climate and begin to live the reality of increasing temperatures, extreme weather events, food insecurity, changing disease vectors, increased migration, and so on, gender-differentiated causes and effects become more and more evident: climate change is not gender neutral, and women, particularly poor women, will be among the ones hit hardest by the consequences.

The book meets the growing interest in gender aspects of climate change and, for the first time, links gender issues in the various fields of action relevant directly to climate change - it will be the first on this topic, and it will be authoritative as it combines an overview of knowledge with practical tools. It gives readers a comprehensive overview about how climate change is impacting gender relations and why addressing gender aspects will contribute to mitigating climate change and make adaptation strategies more effective.

As the social aspects of climate change and climate protection are entering the policy-making debate, gender justice will be one of the key issues to be considered.

Dr. Minu Hemmati is a clinical psychologist with a doctorate in organisational and environmental psychology. Since 1998, she has been working as an independent advisor with international organisations, governments, non-government organizations, corporations, women's networks, and research institutions. She does research and advocacy on gender and sustainable development issues, recently focusing on climate change, having co-founded the international network GenderCC - Women for Climate Justice. Minu has published over 50 articles, book chapters, and reports and two books - on multi-stakeholder processes, gender issues (tourism, consumption, land, climate change), social identity, and environmental psychology.

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Food versus Fuel
An informed introduction to biofuels
Edited by Frank Rosillo-Calle and Francis X. Johnson

Current debates on biofuels focus on the overall social and environmental benefits and land use competition, with very little consensus on the overall GHG reduction benefits, and the sustainability of current and future of biofuels. Focus within the popular press in particular has tended to neglect the climate change mitigation and potential energy crises, favouring instead to follow more controversial claims from the anti-biofuel lobby, leading to many misconceptions and a general lack of understanding amongst a broad range of academics, practitioners, policy-makers and the interested wider public.

The aim of this book is to bring a balanced approach to current debate on the major issues affecting the development of biofuels in a concise and clear manner so that both the academic and professional specialists and the informed general public have a better understanding of all issues. There is a strong need for an informed, nuanced but accessible introduction, grounded in science and economics rather than conjecture and controversy.

Dr Frank Rosillo-Calle is a Research Fellow in Biomass Energy. He obtained his doctorate at the University of Aston (UK), and Campinas (Brazil), where he investigated Brazil's ethanol fuel programme. He has more than 25 years experience in bioenergy research, and has been involved in many international research projects. Research areas include alternative transport fuels, biomass production and use, international bioenergy trade, environmental impacts, policy analysis, networking, etc. He has taught at various universities at MSc and PhD level, and has more than 70 publications in various aspects of bioenergy.

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Moving People
Sustainable Transport Development
Peter Cox

The local and global environmental impacts of transport are more apparent than ever before. Moving People provides an attention-grabbing introduction to the problems of transport and the development of sustainable alternatives, focusing on the often misunderstood issue of personal mobility, as opposed to freight. Re-assessing the value and importance of non-motorized transport the author raises questions about mobility in the face of climate change and energy security, particularly for the developing world.

Featuring original case studies from across the globe, this book is essential for anyone studying or working in the area of environmental sustainability and transport policy.

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World-wide, over a billion adults are overweight and 300 million are officially “obese”, more than 3,000 people die every day on the world's roads and global warming and war threaten our survival as a species. The Energy Glut tells the story of energy and how our abuse of fossil fuel energy links these public issues as manifestations of the same fundamental planetary malaise.

This exciting new book argues that the pulse of fossil fuel energy released from the ground after the discovery of oil not only started the process of catastrophic climate change, but also propelled the average human weight distribution upwards. The author presents a frightening vision of humans besieged by a food industry that uses sophisticated marketing techniques to sell us mountains of energy-dense food whilst at the same time we are “functionally paralysed” with fewer opportunities to move our bodies than ever before. We see why the accumulation of body fat is a political, not a personal, problem. This insightful new work offers and appraises for the reader a set of personal and political de-carbonising strategies, but to “tread more lightly on our world” we first need to make sense of the systemic processes, and The Energy Glut takes expert first steps in this direction.

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The Environmental Responsibility Reader
Edited by Martin Reynolds, Chris Blackmore and Mark J. Smith

The Environmental Responsibility Reader is a definitive collection of classic and contemporary environmental works that offers a comprehensive overview of the issues involved in environmental responsibility, steering the reader through each development in thought with a unifying and expert editorial voice.

This essential text expertly explores seemingly intractable modern-day environmental dilemmas - including climate change, fossil fuel consumption, fresh water quality, industrial pollution, habitat destruction, and biodiversity loss. Starting with "Silent Spring" and moving through to more recent works the book draws on contemporary ideas of environmental ethics, corporate social responsibility, ecological justice, fair trade, global citizenship, and the connections between environmental and social justice; configuring these ideas into practical notions for responsible action with a unique global and integral focus on responsibility.

Martin Reynolds, a Lecturer in Systems at The Open University, is Course Team Chair for the OU postgraduate course Environmental responsibility and, since 2002, Chair for Environmental ethics. He has researched and published widely, including his book: Operational Research and Environmental Management (co-authored with Gerald Midgley), and contributed many book chapters, journal papers and policy briefings.

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Dowry
Bridging the Gap between Theory and Practice
Edited by Dr Tamsin Bradley, Dr Emma Tomalin and Dr Mangala Subramaniam

The concept of a Dowry, whilst known throughout the world, is one which is much misunderstood and often regarded as synonymous with acts of violence against women. This exciting new volume seeks to debunk the overly simplistic conceptions of Dowry that are produced by a lack of understanding of this cultural practice. Taking a variety of theoretical and active approaches, this work successfully bridges the gap between today's prevailing theory and practice, whilst enshrining the centrality of South Asian women's own experiences as a starting point to any discussion. Through advocating the use of collective processes to liberate women, this book empowers women to be the agents of change as opposed to merely victims.

Bringing a unique diversity of perspectives from leading academics and activists, this book opens up the term 'Dowry' to undertake a study of its role in various communities across the world from the practice of 'mehr' amongst Muslim societies, the role of the dowry in Bangladesh, and its position in the wider diasporic populations globally. The groundbreaking, multidisciplinary book is essential reading for students, policymakers, practitioners and activists alike.

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Feminism is Queer
The intimate connection between queer and feminist theory
Mimi Marinucci

Feminism is Queer is an introduction to the intimately related disciplines of gender and queer theory. Whilst guiding the reader through complex theory, the author develops the original position of “queer feminism,” which presents queer theory as continuous with feminist theory. Whilst there have been significant conceptual tensions between second wave feminism and traditional lesbian and gay studies, queer theory offers a paradigm for understanding gender, sex and sexuality that avoids the conflict in order to develop the solidarity among those interested in feminist theory and those interested in lesbian and gay rights.

An essential guide to anyone with an interest in gender or sexuality, this accessible and comprehensive textbook carefully explains nuanced theoretical terminology and provides extensive suggested further reading to provide the reader with full and thorough understanding of both disciplines.

Mimi Marinucci completed a Ph.D. in philosophy and a graduate certificate in women's studies from Temple University in 2000. Currently serving as associate professor of philosophy and women's & gender studies at Eastern Washington University, Marinucci teaches courses on feminism, philosophy, and feminist philosophy. Marinucci, who is especially interested in the subjective and social aspects of knowledge production, particularly knowledge produced around issues of gender and sexuality, is the author of of several articles that employ references from popular culture in the service of a more scholarly agenda. Examples include "There's Something Queer About The Onion" (forthcoming in The Onion and Philosophy, edited by Sharon Kaye, Open Court), "What's Wrong with Porn?" (forthcoming in Pornography and Philosophy, edited by Dave Monroe, Wiley-Blackwell), "Television, Generation X, and Third Wave Feminism: A Contextual Analysis of the Brady Bunch" (Journal of Popular Culture, Volume 38, Number 3, February 2005), and "Feminism and the Ethics of Violence: Why Buffy Kicks Ass" (in Buffy the Vampire Slayer and Philosophy: Fear and Trembling in Sunnydale, edited by James B. South, Open Court, 2003). Marinucci is also the founding editor of Wave 2.5: A Feminist Zine, a two-time Utne Independent Press Award nominee (2005, 2009).

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Gender and Migration
Feminist perspectives
Edited by Ingrid Palmary, Erica Burman, Khatidja Chantler and Peace Kiguwa

Migration has become a key area of preoccupation for governments, international agencies and human rights activists the world over.

This book argues, however, that studies of migration have become too limited in scope, focusing only on the policy demands of governments and humanitarian agencies, rather than assessing the underlying theories, and effects, of human migration.

With this as its starting point, this collection of essays sets out to redress this imbalance, tackling the often neglected issue of gender in relation to migration theory.

Provocative and intellectually challenging, this book of feminist critical essays is essential reading for both students and academics searching for a new approach to the study of human migration.

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Glamour

Femininity and Feminism

Carol Dyhouse

This book tells the story of glamour, exploring the changing meanings of the word, its relationship to femininity and fashion, and what glamour has meant to ordinary women. It is essentially a social history, focussed on twentieth century Britain, although there is considerable material on Hollywood cinema and the themes that it explores are of wide contemporary interest. It uses a rich variety of sources: social surveys, biographical and autobiographical material, film and women's magazines. It also draws on non literary sources in relation to the history of costume, perfume and fur.

This is a necessary book, because one can't make sense of contemporary discussions of glamour without understanding its history. The subject continues to be an extraordinarily vexed one amongst feminists of all age groups. There is a popular assumption - not always unfounded - that feminists are 'opposed' to glamour. Young women remain as troubled over questions of appearance and body image as they were when Naomi Wolf made such an impact with The Beauty Myth in 1990. This book disentangles many of the issues and arguments around femininity, appearance and power. It does this in a discursive and readable way, avoiding theory and jargon. Much of the material is entertaining and fascinating in its own right - the history of the 'makeover', for instance, and the references to perfume, cosmetics and fashions in fur.

Carol Dyhouse is a social historian with research interests in women's history. Her publications include Girls Growing Up in Late Victorian and Edwardian England (1981), Feminism and the Family in England,(1989), No Distinction of Sex? Women in British Universities, 1870-1939 (1995), and most recently Students: A Gendered History (2006). She is currently research professor in history at the University of Sussex.

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Palestinian Women
Narrative histories and gendered memory
Fatma Kassem

Palestinian Women is the first book to examine and document the experiences and the historical narrative of ordinary Palestinian women who witnessed the events of 1948 and became involuntary citizens of the State of Israel. Told in their own words, the women's experiences serve as a window for examining the complex intersections of gender, nationalism and citizenship in a situation of ongoing violent political conflict. Known in Palestinian discourse as the 'Nakbeh', or the 'Catastrophe', these events of 60 years ago still have a powerful resonance in contemporary Palestinian-Jewish relations in the State of Israel and in the act of narrating these stories, the author argues that the realm of memory is a site of commemoration and resistance.

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Reclaiming the F Word
The New Feminist Movement
Catherine Redfern and Kristin Aune

Discover the demands of the new feminist movement

In today's 'post-feminist' society, women and men are considered equal. For younger women and men, feminism is often portrayed as unfashionable and irrelevant. But since the beginning of the new millennium a revitalised feminist movement has emerged to challenge these assumptions and assert a vibrant new agenda. This groundbreaking book reveals the what, why and how of the new feminist movement and what it has to say about women's lives in today's society. From cosmetic surgery to celebrity culture and girl power to globalization, from rape to religion and sex to singleness, this book reveals the seven vital issues at stake for today's feminists, unveils the beginnings of a fresh and diverse wave of feminism, and calls a new generation back to action.

Catherine Redfern is founder of The F Word website. Now almost ten years old, the site is recognised as influential in sparking a revived interest in feminism amongst younger women and men. In 2002 the site was highly commended by the Women in Publishing's New Venture Awards, and in 2003 Redfern was named by the Guardian as one of 50 'Women to Watch'.

Kristin Aune is Senior Lecturer in Sociology at the University of Derby, where she teaches courses on feminism, gender and religion. She has been involved in a number of feminist groups and co-founded London Third Wave, a networking group for London based young feminists, with Catherine Redfern in 2002. She has published widely on gender, religion and feminism. Her most recent (co-edited) book is /Women and Religion in the West/ (Ashgate Publishing, 2008).

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Sex Slaves and Discourse Masters
The Construction of Trafficking
Jo Doezema

Why is the international community so concerned with the fate of prostitutes abroad? And why does the story of trafficking sound so familiar? In this pioneering new book, Jo Doezema argues that the current concern with trafficking in women is a modern manifestation of the myth of white slavery.

Combining historical analysis with contemporary investigation, this book sheds light on the current preoccupations with trafficking in women. It examines in detail sex worker reactions to the myth of trafficking, questions the current feminist preoccupation with the 'suffering female body' and argues that feminism needs to move towards the creation of new myths.

The analysis in this book is controversial but crucial, an alternative to the current panic discourses around trafficking in women. An essential read for anyone who is concerned with the increased movement of women internationally and the attempts of international and national governments to regulate this flow.

Jo Doezema holds a PhD from the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex. She is a member of the Paulo Longo Research Initiative, which works shaping new directions in sex work research and policy. She has been involved in advocacy and research on sex workers' rights for two decades. Her research interests include sex work and human rights, feminism, masculinities and trafficking. In developing her research, she has worked closely with sex worker rights organisations around the world. She is the co-editor of Global Sex Workers: Rights, Resistance and Redefinition (1998).

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Sex Work Matters
Power and Intimacy in the Sex Industry
Edited by Melissa Hope Ditmore, Antonia Levy, Alys Willman

Sex Work Matters brings sex workers, scholars and activists together to present pioneering essays on the economics and sociology of sex work. From insights by sex workers on how they handle money, intimate relationships and daily harassment by police, to the experience of male and transgender sex work, this fascinating and original book offers theoretical discussions as well empirical case studies, providing new ways to link theory with lived experiences.

The result is a vital new contribution to sex-worker rights that readers weary of the sensational and often salacious treatment of the sex industry in the media and literature will find refreshing. The book will equip any reader with new theoretical frameworks for understanding the sex industry, challenging readers to explore the topic of sex work in new ways, especially its cultural, economic and political dimensions.

Melissa Ditmore, Ph.D. is an author on all reports issued by the Sex Workers Project. She was the inaugural Chair of the Advisory Board of the Sex Workers Project and is currently on the board of the Global Network of Sex Work Projects. Dr. Ditmore is the editor of the Encyclopedia of Prostitution and Sex Work (Greenwood Press, 2006), a contributor to Trafficking and Prostitution Reconsidered (Paradigm, 2005), Affective Turn (Duke, 2007) and Women Across Borders (Black Rose, forthcoming.)

Alys Willman is an independent scholar specializing in gender and economics. From 1997-2002, she worked as a researcher and development specialist in Latin America, managing projects in Nicaragua, Guatemala, Cuba, Colombia, Mexico, Chile, Ecuador and Peru.

Antonia Levy is a PhD candidate and adjunct lecturer at the City University of New York. Her work as social justice activist enters around issues related to women's liberation and sexual rights, labor, as well as community media.

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The writing of Nawal el Saadawi is essential to anyone wishing to understand the contemporary Middle East. Her dissident voice has stayed as consistent in its critique of the neo-imperialist international politics as it has of the oppression of women both in her native Egypt and in the world beyond. Saadawi is a figure of international significance and her work has a central place in the history and culture of the Arabic world of the last fifty years. This book, the first volume in 'Zed's Essential Feminists' series, gathers a section of the whole range of Saadawi's writing together in one volume for the first time. From fiction - novellas and short stories - to essays on politics, culture, religion and sex, from extensive interviews to her work as a dramatist, from poetry to selections of her travel writing, this book will be essential to anyone wishing to gain a sense of the total range of Saadawi's work.

Zed’s Essential Feminists is an ambitious series of readers gathering the major work from some of the world’s most significant feminist thinkers into individual volumes. Orientated around the understanding that feminist voices continue to make some of the most important critical interventions in progressive political debates around the world, the series celebrates the power of these voices and gathers together important work often unavailable elsewhere.

Zed’s Essential Feminists sets itself against the common assertion that we are living in a post-feminist era, where the major battles of the women’s movements of the late 20th Century have ceased to be relevant. Each volume offers the reader a comprehensive selection that will both introduce and provide a complete and essential reference to an essential feminist voice

Nawal El Saadawi is a renowned Egyptian writer, novelist and activist. She has published over 40 books, which have been translated into over 30 languages.

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Women and War in the Middle East
Transnational Perspectives
Edited by Nadje Sadig Al-Ali and Nicola Pratt

Women and War in the Middle East provides a critical examination of the relationship between gender and transnationalism in the context of war, peace-building and post-conflict reconstruction in the Middle East. Critically examining the ways in which the actions of various local and transnational groups - including women's movements, diaspora communities, national governments, non-governmental actors and multilateral bodies - interact to both intentionally and inadvertently shape the experiences of women in conflict situations, and determine the possibilities for women's participation in peace-building and (post)-conflict reconstruction, as well as the longer-term prospects for peace and security. The volume pays particular attention to the ways in which gender roles, relations and identities are constructed, negotiated and employed within transnational social and political fields in the conflict and post-conflict situations, and their particular consequences for women. Contributions focus on the two countries with the longest experiences of war and conflict in the Middle East, and which have been subject to the most prominent international interventions of recent years - that is, Iraq and the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

Issues addressed by contributors include the impact of gender mainstreaming measures by international agencies and NGOs upon the ability of women to participate in peace-building and post-conflict resolution; the consequences for gender relations and identities of the US-led invasion and occupation of Iraq; and how transnational feminist movements can most effectively support peace building and women's rights in the region. Based entirely on original empirical research. Women and War in the Middle East brings together some of the foremost scholars in the areas of feminist international relations, feminist international political economy, anthropology, sociology, history and Middle East studies.

Dr Nadje Al-Ali is Reader in Gender Studies and Chair of the Centre for Gender Studies at SOAS, University of London. She is the author of numerous articles and book chapters on women and gender issues in the Middle East as well as migration and diaspora mobilization.

Nicola Pratt is Lecturer in Comparative Politics and International Relations at the University of East Anglia, where she teaches in the areas of Middle East politics and international relations. Her current research interests are in gender and insecurity in the Middle East.

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Since the release of the first edition in 1997, women in the global South have continued to be impacted by transformations in gender-specific phenomena, such as the increase in sex trafficking, as well as more general world issues, including the growing AIDs crisis and the effects of globalisation. The book is again divided into five parts, updated to tackle the most pressing issues that women will face in remainder of the 21st century. The first part acts as an introduction to the field, examining the key theoretical debates and discourses surrounding women and development from a historical perspective. Part two goes on to look at the household as a unit of analysis, while the third part locates women within the global economy, addressing issues such as industrialisation and the feminization of labour. Part four considers the stimuli behind the social transformation of women, in particular with regards to the effects of state policies, going on to pose fundamental questions around women and ideology. The final section of the book shows how women from the ground up are organizing themselves for change. Case studies are drawn from all regions to illustrate the theoretical debates. A guide to further reading at the end of each chapter provides a foundation for any serious student of women in the development process.

Nalini Visvanathan is active in the international women's health movement and a member of the Committee on Women, Population and the Environment. A native of India, she teaches courses on women, health and development at the School for International Training, Vermont, USA. Lynn Duggan is an economist who has written articles on free trade and social policy, family policy in East and West Germany, and reproductive rights in the Philippines. She has taught at Fitchburg State Colllee and Michigan State University, USA, and is currently an Associate Professor of Labor Studies at Indiana University. Laurie Nisonoff, Professor of Economics, has taught economics, economic history and women's studies at Hampshire College in Amherst, Massachusetts, USA, since 1974. She has been an editor of the Review of Radical Political Economics, and has published alone and with Marilyn Dalsimer on women in China, and on the labour process. Nan Wiegersma is Professor of Economics at Fitchburg State College, Massachusetts. She worked for the US Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service in 1969-1973, and she was UN representative on a World Food Programme mission to Vietnam in 1987. She was a Fulbright Fellow in Nicaragua in 1991, studying women's work in export processing zones.

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Latin America
Latin America has changed dramatically over the past few years. While the 1990s were dominated by the politically orthodoxy of the Washington Consensus and the political uniformity of centre right governments the first decade of the new century is being characterised by the emergence of a plurality of economic and political alternatives.

In an overview of the history of the region over the past twenty-five years this book traces the intellectual and political origins of the Washington Consensus, assesses its impact on democracy and economic development and discusses whether the emergence of a variety of left-wing governments in the region represents a clear break with the politics and policies of the Washington Consensus. Clearly written and rigorously argued the book will be of interest to academics, students of Latin American politics and anybody interested in understanding contemporary Latin America.

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The FARC
Garry Leech

'Rebels' is an exciting and innovative new series looking at contemporary rebel groups and their place in global politics. Written by leading experts, the books serve as definitive introductions to the individual organizations, whilst seeking to place them within a broader geographical and political framework. They examine the origins, ideology and future direction of each group, whilst posting such questions as 'When does a "rebel" political movement become a "terrorist" organization?' and 'What are the social-economic drivers behind political violence?'

Provocative and original, the series is essential reading for anyone interested in how rebel groups operate today.

Garry Leech is a British born American independent journalist and editor of the online publication Colombia Journal, which analyzes U.S. foreign policy in Colombia. He also teaches international politics at Cape Breton University in Sydney, Nova Scotia, Canada.

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The Priest of Paraguay
Fernando Lugo and the Making of a Nation
Hugh O'Shaughnessy

Paraguay had the oldest one-party regime on earth. Under the 60-year dictatorship of General Alfredo Stroessner's Colorado party, wealth and power became concentrated in the hands of a small few; until elections in 2008 broke the party's hold on the country and promised a newer, more egalitarian future, particularly for the country's indigenous people.

In The Priest of Paraguay Hugh O'Shaughnessy tells the story of how Fernando Lugo, a bishop from a deprived diocese, swept to victory and what this will mean for his country, Latin America and the wider world. He traces Lugo's life alongside the turbulent history of Paraguay - from his early years in a family which fell victim to Stroessner to his release by the Vatican in order to follow a political calling. The book also examines what may lie in store for the newest addition to Latin America's 'pink tide' of socialist and social democratic countries.

This is history of a fascinating but largely unknown country by one of the most respected commentators on Latin America.

Hugh O'Shaughnessy has been writing and broadcasting about Latin America for over forty years. In this time he has worked for the Financial Times, the Economist, The New Statesman, the Observer and the BBC, among others. He has won two British Press Awards and the Wilberforce Medallion from the city of Hull. He has also been recognised by the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism in the United States. His books include Grenada: Revolution, Invasion and Aftermath and Pinochet: The Politics of Torture.

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The Rise of Evo Morales and the MAS
Sven Harten

Evo Morales is one of the world's most controversial political leaders. His story is extraordinary: poor shepherd-boy, persecuted coca grower, self-professed admirer of Ché Guevara, hero of the anti-globalisation movement, and first indigenous President in Latin America. The story of his political party, the Movement for Socialism (MAS) is exceptional as well: founded as a splinter of an ultra-right wing party, it was given as a gift for the coca growers after they had been banned several times for spurious reasons to register their own party.

In this insightful and revealing book, Harten attempts to explain the success of the MAS and its wider consequences, showing how Morales has become the symbol for a new political consciousness that has entailed de-stigmatizing indigenous identities. In many ways, the analysis of Morales's political trajectory serves as a mirror for democracy in Bolivia. It reveals the challenge of squaring the rupture with a discredited past, with the continuity of democracy and with the aim of representing an entire society.

Sven Harten has done extensive fieldwork in Bolivia, and currently works at the Bolivia Desk of the European Commission.

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The Rise of Latin America's Radical Left
Cuba, Bolivia, Ecuador and Venezuela
Roger Burbach and Gregory Wilpert

For the first time since the Sandinista Revolution in Nicaragua in the 1980s, Latin Americans have turned toward radical left governments, specifically in Venezuela, Bolivia, and Ecuador. Why has this shift taken place? What is the relationship between these governments and social movements? What do these radical left governments mean for the effort to create a new kind of socialism? How are they influenced by the Cuban revolution? What does this development mean for U.S. dominance in the region and in the world? These are some of the critical questions that The Rise of Latin America's Radical Left will answer as the global economic crisis deepens and the United States looses its hegemonic control over the region once considered its back yard.

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In the early hours of January 1, 1994 a guerrilla army of indigenous Mayan peasants emerged from the highlands and jungle in the far southeast of Mexico and declared "¡Ya basta!" - "Enough!". As elites in Canada, the United States, and Mexico celebrated the coming into force of the North American Free Trade Agreement, the Zapatista Army of National Liberation declared war against a 500-year-old trajectory of colonialism, racism, exploitation, oppression and genocide.

The effects of the uprising were profound, and would be felt far beyond the borders of Mexico. At a moment when state-sponsored socialism had all but vanished and other elements of the left appeared defeated in the face of neoliberalism's global ascendency, the Zapatista uprising sparked a powerful new wave of transnational socio-political action.

In exploring the Zapatista movement's origins, history, structure, aims, political philosophy and possible future directions, Alex Khasnabish provides a critical and comprehensive overview of one of the most important rebel groups in recent history.

Alex Khasnabish is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Mount Saint Vincent University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. His first book, Zapatismo Beyond Borders: New Imaginations of Political Possibility (2008), focuses on the reasons for and consequences of the transnational resonance of Zapatismo and the links between radical political imaginations and global anti-capitalism. Khasnabish's current research is an extension of this project, focusing upon anti-capitalist action, anarchist organizing, imagination, and alternative-building in the north of the Americas. His work has been published in ephemera, AmeriQuests, Anthropologica, Critique of Anthropology, the Globalization and Autonomy Working Paper Series, Journal for the Study of Radicalism, Politics and Culture, and Upping the Anti.

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Middle East
Algeria's democratic experiment is seminal in post-Cold War history. The first Muslim nation to attempt the transition from an authoritarian system to democratic pluralism, this North African country became a test case for reform in Africa, the Arab world and beyond. Yet when the country looked certain to become the world's first elected Islamic republic, there was a military coup and the democratic process was brought sharply to a halt. Islamists declared jihad on the state and hundreds of thousands of civilians were killed in the ensuing decade of state repression.

In this book Le Sueur shows that Algeria is at the very heart of contemporary debates about Islam and secular democracy. He argues that the stability of Algeria is crucial for the security of the wider Middle East. *Algeria Since 1989* is a lively examination of how the fate of one country is entwined with much greater global issues.

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Egypt
The Moment of Change
Edited by Rabab El Mahdi and Philip Marfleet

Egypt is at the axis of the Arab world. With the largest population, the largest industrial economy and the longest tradition of modern political activity it has profound influence across the region. But there have been few attempts to understand contemporary Egyptian society, in particular growing internal pressures for change and their implications for the Middle East and the wider world.

This book is the first for over 20 years to comprehensively and accessibly examine contemporary issues in Egypt. It presents a series of analyses of politics, culture and society, including many by Egyptian academics and activists. It addresses the turmoil created by imposition of neo-liberal economic policies, the increasingly fragile nature of an authoritarian regime, the influence of movements for democratic opening and popular participation, and the impacts of Islamism.

The authors argue that Egypt has entered a period of instability during which the "low-intensity democracy" embraced by the Mubarak regime faces multiple challenges, including demands for radical change. The book assesses the ability of the state to resist the new movements and the latters' capacity to fulfill their aims and suggests that events in Egypt have implications across the Global South.

Philip Marfleet is Reader in Social Sciences at the University of East London.

Rabab El Mahdi is Assistant Professor of Political Science at The American University in Cairo.

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Iran's Influence
A Religious-Political State in the Region and the World
Elaheh Rostami-Povey

Iran's Influence is the first comprehensive analysis of the role that Iran plays in regional and global politics. The expert author provides much-needed perspective on one of the Middle East's most controversial and mis-understood countries. Based on several years of original research carried out in Iran and the region, this insightful guide presents not only an introduction to the country, but also essential new ideas to help the reader understand the Middle East.

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Iran, The Green Movement and the USA
The Fox and the Paradox
Hamid Dabashi

Iran, the Green Movement and the US presents the dilemma that the West faces in dealing with the Islamic Republic of Iran and their nuclear armament, and how the unfolding civil rights movement in Iran (the Green Movement) will be effected by this interaction. Expert Iranian author Hamid Dabashi argues that if Obama negotiates with Ahmadinejad, he will further strengthen the IRI regionally and legitimize Ahmadinejad's otherwise troubled presidency internationally; and if he were not to do so and opt for further economic sanctions and/or military strikes he will paradoxically strengthen the IRI regionally and altogether destroy the domestic opposition and the budding Green Movement.

Featuring a short history of how the US and Iran were placed in these confrontational positions, this elegantly written book presents an Iran weak in domestic affairs, but strong in regional geopolitics and provides the reader with dynamic picture of the region, and a purposeful analytic of how to understand and deal with it.

Born into a working class family in the south-western city of Ahvaz in the Khuzestan province of Iran, Hamid Dabashi received his early education in his hometown and his college education in Tehran, before he moved to the United States, where he received a dual Ph.D. in Sociology of Culture and Islamic Studies from the University of Pennsylvania in 1984, followed by a postdoctoral fellowship at Harvard University. He is currently the Hagop Kevorkian Professor of Iranian Studies and Comparative Literature at Columbia University in New York. He has also taught and delivered lectures in many North American, European, Arab and Iranian universities.

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Palestinian Women
Narrative histories and gendered memory
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Amidst recent hype about events in the Middle East, there have been few attempts to get below the surface and develop a fuller understanding of what politics means there. The Middle East: The Politics of the Sacred and Secular redresses this balance and provides essential historical and theoretical context.

In this book, Shahrough Akhavi shows that the way people think about politics in the Middle East has developed in response to historical experience. Islam has obviously played a pivotal role and the book does much to disentangle myth and reality about Islamic responses to politics. Refreshingly, however, the book focuses on the universal concepts of the individual, civil society, the state, justice, authority and obligation and how these have been interpreted by Middle Eastern thinkers in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries.

Akhavi builds a dynamic picture of a politically exciting and engaged region. The fresh perspective this book brings to global political theory, and the background it gives students of politics in the Middle East make it an important addition to the World Political Theories series.

Shahrough Akhavi is Professor of Political Science at the University of South Carolina, Columbia. His research focuses on the sociology of Islam and social theory, particularly in Iran and Egypt. He was President of the International Society for Iranian Studies from 2002-2003. He is the author of Religion and Politics in Contemporary Iran and many related articles and book chapters. He has also edited several book series, dictionaries and resources on Islam.

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Since its re-emergence as nation-state in 1923, Turkey has often looked like an odd appendix to the West – situated in the borderlands of Europe and the Middle East, economically backward, inward looking, marred by political violence, yet a staunch NATO ally, it has been eyed with suspicion by both 'East' and 'West'.

The momentous changes in the regional and world order after 1989 have catapulted the country back to the world stage. Ever since, Turkey has turned into a major power broker and has developed into one the largest economies in the world. In the process, however, the country has failed to solve its ethnic, religious and historical conflicts peacefully. Today, as the foundations of the ethno-nationalist Kemalist state are eroding rapidly, Turkey appears to be coming to terms with the many sources of its anger, if cautiously and slowly.

At this historical turning point, Turkey Since 1989: Angry Nation charts the contemporary history of Turkey by looking at the country's erratic transformation from a military dictatorship to a maturing, if still troubled, democracy.

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Women and War in the Middle East provides a critical examination of the relationship between gender and transnationalism in the context of war, peace-building and post-conflict reconstruction in the Middle East. Critically examining the ways in which the actions of various local and transnational groups - including women's movements, diaspora communities, national governments, non-governmental actors and multilateral bodies - interact to both intentionally and inadvertently shape the experiences of women in conflict situations, and determine the possibilities for women's participation in peace-building and (post)-conflict reconstruction, as well as the longer-term prospects for peace and security. The volume pays particular attention to the ways in which gender roles, relations and identities are constructed, negotiated and employed within transnational social and political fields in the conflict and post-conflict situations, and their particular consequences for women. Contributions focus on Iraq and the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

Issues addressed by contributors include the impact of gender mainstreaming measures by international agencies and NGOs upon the ability of women to participate in peace-building and post-conflict resolution; the consequences for gender relations and identities of the US-led invasion and occupation of Iraq; and how transnational feminist movements can most effectively support peace building and women's rights in the region. Based entirely on original empirical research. Women and War in the Middle East brings together some of the foremost scholars in the areas of feminist international relations, feminist international political economy, anthropology, sociology, history and Middle East studies.

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Zionists and Indian Nationalists
Imagining Nations, Creating States
James Chiriyankandath

Zionists and Indian Nationalists is a groundbreaking comparative study of Indian nationalism and Zionism, which draws wide-ranging conclusions for nationalism in the modern world. Chiriyankandath analyses the ideological and political development of Indian nationalism and Zionism through the twentieth century and examines how have they have come to shape the states of Israel and India. In doing so, he explores the tensions and contradictions of reconciling the exclusivist inflections inherent in nationalism with the ethnic and religious plural reality of states.

Based on over a decade of research, it draws upon the rich corpus of historical, sociological and political work on Indian nationalism and Zionism, primary archival sources and interviews in India, Israel, the Occupied Territories, the United States and Britain. The book confronts the challenge of creating a society capable of transcending nationalism, asking whether it is possible to sustain a sense of shared political community without fostering the politics of chauvinism that flow from redefining religion in ethnic terms. Though this is most dramatically illustrated by the history of India and Israel, Chiriyankandath argues that this that this is a dilemma that all nation states, to some degree, are forced to face.

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Beyond the Profits System
Possibilities for a Post-Capitalist Era
Harry Shutt

Since 2008, we have found ourselves confronted by an historic financial holocaust that world leaders have struggled to come to terms with. All have wilfully ignored its long-term, systemic causes and are thus unable to chart a way to survival. As explained by Harry Shutt – who was almost alone in foreseeing such a disaster in the 1990s (in The Trouble with Capitalism) – their continued denial stems from a vested interest in maintaining a capitalist profits system which is not only as destructive as it was in the 1930s but as outmoded as feudalism was in 1789. Thus it can now only be sustained by an increasing reliance to official misinformation, massive criminal fraud and the ever greater dependence of private corporations on state subsidy.

This book makes clear why the desperate resort of Western governments to 'extraordinary measures' to try and avert economic collapse is bound to fail. It also forcefully demonstrates why our only hope of reversing the tide is to abandon the traditional economic logic of endlessly expanding production in favour of responding to the aspirations of ordinary people. Such a transformation, argues Shutt, would make possible the allocation of resources to more socially desirable ends, including the assurance of basic economic security for all as a right of citizenship.


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Citizen Action and National Policy
Making Change from Below
Edited by John Gaventa and Rosemary McGee

How does citizen activism win changes in national policy? Which factors help to make myriad efforts by diverse actors add up to reform? What is needed to overcome setbacks, and to consolidate the smaller victories? These questions need answers. Evidence gathered by donors, NGOs and academics demonstrates how advocacy and campaigning can reconfigure power relations and transform governance structures at the local and global levels. In the rush to go global or stay local, however, the national policy sphere was recently neglected. Today, there is growing recognition of the key role of champions of change inside national governments, and the potential of their engagement with citizen activists outside. These advances demand a better understanding of how national and local actors can combine approaches to simultaneously work the levers of change, and how their successes relate to actors and institutions at the international level.

This book brings together eight studies of successful cases of citizen activism for national policy changes in South Africa, Morocco, Brazil, Chile, Mexico, Turkey, India and the Philippines. Drawing on influential social science theory about how political and social change occurs, the book brings new empirical insights to bear on it, both challenging and enriching current understandings.

John Gaventa is a Research Professor and Fellow in the Participation, Power and Social Change Team at the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex. A political sociologist by training, he has written widely on issues of power, citizen action, participation and democracy, including the award winning Power and Powerlessness in an Appalachian Valley (1980) and Global Citizen Action (co-editor, 2001).

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Citizenship and Social Movements
Perspectives from the Global South
Edited by Lisa Thompson and Chris Tapscott

Past debates over social movements have suffered from a predominate focus on Anglo-America and Europe, often neglecting the significance of collective actions of citizens in the Global South. This book seeks to partially redress this imbalance with case study material from movements for change in Brazil, India, Bangladesh, Mexico, South Africa, Kenya and Nigeria. In these examples, social movements have coalesced without the benefits of the structural or institutional resource base found in the North, and have persevered even where the state does not have the resources to effectively respond to collective demands. Yet neither are these movements driven by purely altruistic motivations.

The analysis points to the complexity of relationships that influence mobilization and social movements in the south, suggesting that previous theories have underplayed the influence of state power and of elite dominance in the government and in non-governmental organizations. All this unsettles the notion that social activism leads inexorably to democracy and development. So what motivates collective action and what does it achieve? The answer depends on the political and historical context, and the legacy of mobilization, though in all contexts the examples clearly show that understanding the role of the state in relation to these movements is critical to determining when collective action can fulfil the promise of bringing the rights of the marginalized to the fore.

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Decentering International Relations
Meghana Nayak & Eric Selbin

Decentering International Relations seeks to actively confront, resist, and rewrite International Relations (IR), a heavily politicized field that is deeply centered in the North/West and privileges certain perspectives, pedagogies, and practices. Is it possible to break the chain of signifiers that always leads IR studies back to the US and its European allies?

Through engagement with a variety of theories (ranging beyond the usual 'mainstream' versus 'critical/alternative' binary), and conversations with scholars, activists, and students, the authors invite the reader to participate in an accessible yet provocative experiment to decentre the North/West when we learn, study and do IR. In particular, they examine how the pressing issues of 'human rights', 'globalization', 'peace and security', and 'indigeneity' are simultaneously normative inventions meant to sustain particular power structures and sites for insurgent and subversive attempts to live IR at the margins.

Selbin and Nayak have written a remarkable and provocative re-envisioning of a globally important subject.

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Eric Selbin is Professor and Chair of Political Science at Southwestern University and a University Scholar. His books include Revolution, Rebellion Resistance, Modern Latin American Revolutions, and Understanding Revolutions (with John Foran and Jack Goldstone). In 2007 he was selected as one of Southwestern's all-time 'Fav Five' Faculty and received an Exemplary Teaching Award in 2001-2002.

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Engaging Citizens
In a Globalising World
Edited by John Gaventa and Rajesh Tandon

Engaging Citizens explores how globalisation has given rise to new meanings of citizenship. Just as they are tied by global production, trade and finance, citizens in every nation are linked by the institutions of global governance. This expert new analysis presents case studies from cities and villages in India, South Africa, Nigeria, Philippines, Kenya, The Gambia, Brazil and South Africa to explore how new forms of global authority shape and build new meanings and practices of citizenship, across local, national and global arenas. For some, globalisation has provided a new sense of global solidarity that has inspired them to join transnational movements and mobilise to claim rights from global authorities, but for others, globalisation has meant greater exposure to the power of global corporations, bureaucracies and scientific experts, thus adding new layers of exclusion to already fragile meanings of citizenship.

Rajesh Tandon is the founder and executive director of PRIA (Society for Participatory Research in Asia), and has been an activist-scholar for the past three decades, focusing on issues such as citizenship and participatory governance, participatory research and building civil society alliances. In addition to his writing and scholarship, he has been active participant in the Development Research Centre on Citizenship, Participation and Accountability and served as co-convenor of the working group on globalising citizen engagements.

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European Multiculturalism Revisited
Alessandro Silj

European Multiculturalism Revisited analyses the main 'models' of multicultural societies that Europe has experienced since the end of World War 2. Based on research conducted by local scholars in the UK, Denmark, the Netherlands, Italy, France and Germany, the point of departure is the alleged crisis of these models: in Britain after the July bombings, in the Netherlands after the Van Gogh assassination, also in Denmark and other countries, including France, where doubts about their assimilation approach have grown stronger. The analysis consists of a historical account of how in each country the model developed and was implemented in practice, followed by an analysis of the factors that have led to the claim that the model has failed. The question being: did it actually fail, and if it failed was it because of some intrinsic weaknesses, or rather of some external and contingent circumstances?

Alessandro Silj is Director of Ethnobarometer, a European research network on migration and inter-ethnic relations, and author of several books and essays on European affairs and Italian politics. Born in Italy, he spent several years abroad, in Belgium and in the United States.

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Genocides
Damien Short

Genocides is an accessible and wide-ranging introduction to an increasingly important topic - the international crime of genocide. Via theoretical insights and several in-depth case studies – Rwanda, Bosnia, Iraq and Darfur among them – Short debunks essentialist arguments in favour of more nuanced interpretations on the origins and functions of genocide.

The book introduces readers to a range of theoretical perspectives concerned with ethnicity, group identity, conflict and the nation state, examines genocide as both a historical and contemporary concern, discusses the vital role of propaganda in understanding genocide, as well as highlighting the often neglected dimensions of genocide – such as 'forcibly transferring children'. In each of the case studies, the book considers whether or not the situation can legitimately be described as genocide under international law.

Comprehensive, interdisciplinary and questioning, this is an essential text for anyone interested in this vital and controversial subject.

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Militias and Armed Groups
A Framework for Analysis
Chris Alden, Monika Thakur and Matthew Arnold

One of the most serious problems confronting post-conflict environments today is the role of armed groups and militias. Whether armed by embattled governments in defence of their territory or fostered by external actors in the interests of greed or grievance, these groups occupy an uncertain and deeply controversial position in the changing landscape of conflict. Linked variously to atrocities against civilians or international criminal elements, part of what distinguishes them from more traditional combatants is their willingness to engage in violent tactics that defy international norms as well as a proclivity to embrace expediency in alliance-making. As such, conventional approaches to conflict resolution are singularly inadequate in dealing with such forces and the enduring effect that they have on post-conflict situations.

Featuring in-depth case studies from DRC, Sudan, Afghanistan and Timor-Leste, Militias and Armed Groups explores and contextualizes the groups operating in these post-conflict environments. In doing so, it proposes a radical new framework for demilitarization that questions conventional models and takes into account on-the-ground realities.

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Mobilizing for Democracy
Citizen Action and the Politics of Public Participation
Edited by Vera Schattan P. Coelho and Bettina von Lieres

This book is about how ordinary citizens and their organizations mobilize to deepen democracy. A collection of new empirical case studies from Angola, Bangladesh, Brazil, India, Kenya, Nigeria and South Africa illustrate how alternative forms of political mobilization such as protests, social participation, activism, litigation and lobbying engage with the formal institutions of representative democracy in ways that constitute the very essence of democratic politics and not, as many authors suggest, an indication of its failure. No other volume has brought together examples from such a broad Southern spectrum and covering such a diversity of actors: rural and urban dwellers, transnational activists, religious groups, politicians and social leaders. The cases illuminate the crucial contribution that citizen mobilization makes to democratization and the building of state institutions. They cases also reflect often the uneasy relationship between citizens and the institutions that are designed to foster their political participation. This book suggest ways to confront these challenges by recognizing that more just and equitable democratic systems can only emerge from more just and equitable societies.

Vera Schattan Coelho is a research fellow at CEBRAP, The Brazilian Centre for Analysis and Planning, where she coordinates the Citizenship and Development Group. She was the co-editor with Andrea Cornwall of the earlier volume in the Zed Claiming Citizenship series, Spaces for Change? (2007). A Brazilian political scientist, she has written widely on issues of participation and social policy in Latin America. She serves as co-convenor of the Deepening Democracy working group of the Development Research Centre on Citizenship, Participation and Accountability.

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Politics in Africa
A New Introduction
Nana K. Poku & Tony Barnett

Democracy, prosperity and self-rule, this was the vision of African independence. The founding father of Ghana, Kwame Nkrumah, claimed: 'with self government, we'll transform Africa into a paradise in ten years.' A mere 50 years later, Nkrumah's assurance seems no more than a distant dream. Across the continent, the 'optimism' that characterized the immediate post-independence period has largely faded. Meanwhile, ordinary Africans lurch between undemocratic, unaccountable and unresponsive governments and a decaying traditional African past.

How did things go so wrong? Why has the continent lagged behind others in economic development despite its potential natural resources? Why are so many African states prone to conflict? And why has democracy been slow to take root in a majority of the countries?
The answers to these questions lie in complex interconnections between politics and society, between domestic and external forces. 'Politics in Africa' offers a fresh perspective that makes the continent's problems more understandable, less wretched and even intensely hopeful. In doing so, it shows how many facets of traditional African values endure and that, despite unimaginable hardship, the continent is not a hopeless or even a sad place.

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Posthuman International Relations
Complexity, Ecologism and Global Politics
Erika Cudworth and Stephen Hobden

Posthuman International Relations calls for a profound re-thinking of the study of international relations. International Relations remains wedded to the enlightenment project of overcoming the hazards of nature, and thus is fully human-centred in its approach. The resultant environmental security perspectives tend to reproduce a dualistic understanding of human relations to 'the environment' in which humans are either threatened by or pose a threat to 'nature'. Whilst we are undoubtedly in a situation of risk, this is shaped by histories of social relations, economic practices and formations of political power.

By contract, this book draws on recent advances in thinking about systems derived from complexity theory to develop an analysis of international relations embedded within broader multi-species, and environmental circumstances. In doing so, Cudworth and Hobden suppy the tools for a fundamental re-evaluation of international relations, in particular with regard to environmental issues.

Erika Cudworth is Senior Lecturer in International Politics and Sociology at the University of East London, UK. Her research interests include: social and political theory, particularly feminisms, ecologisms and complexity theory, food consumption and production and human relations with non-human animals. She is author of Environment and Society (Routledge, 2003), Developing Ecofeminist Theory: the Complexity of Difference (Palgrave, 2005), The Modern State: Theories and Ideologies (with Tim Hall and John McGovern, Edinburgh University Press, 2007) and Social Lives with Other Animals: Tales of Sex, Death and Love (forthcoming Palgrave, 2010).

Stephen Hobden is a senior lecturer in International Politics at the University of East London, where he teaches courses on International Relations theory, US foreign policy, and China in world politics. Previous publications include Historical Sociology and International Relations (Routledge, 1998) and a volume edited with John Hobson Historical Sociology of International Relations (Cambridge University Press, 2002).

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Why do revolutions happen? Decades of social science research have brought us little closer to understanding where, when and amongst whom they occur.

In this groundbreaking book, Eric Selbin argues that we need to look beyond the economic, political and social structural conditions to the thoughts and feelings of the people who make revolutions. In particular, he argues, we need to understand the stories people relay and rework of past injustices and struggles as they struggle in the present towards a better future. Ranging from the French Revolution to the Battle for Seattle, via Russia, China, Cuba, Vietnam and Nicaragua, Selbin makes the case that it is myth, memory and mimesis which create, maintain and extend such stories.

Revolution, Rebellion, Resistance identifies four kinds of enduring revolutionary story - Civilizing and Democratizing, The Social Revolution, Freedom and Liberation and The Lost and Forgotten - which do more than report on events, they catalyse changing the world.

Eric Selbin is Professor and Chair of Political Science at Southwestern University and a University Scholar. His books include Modern Latin American Revolutions and Understanding Revolutions (with John Foran and Jack Goldstone). He is currently completing Doing International Relations from the Margins with Meghana Nayak. In 2007 he was selected as one of Southwestern's all-time 'Fav Five' Faculty and received an Exemplary Teaching Award in 2001-2002.

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Taking Aim at the Arms Trade
NGOS, Global Civil Society and the World Military Order
Anna Stavrianakis

Taking Aim at The Arms Trade: NGOs, Global Civil Society and the World Military Order takes a critical look at the ways in which NGOs portray the arms trade as a problem of international politics and the strategies they use to effect change.

NGOs have been pivotal in bringing the suffering caused by the arms trade to public attention, documenting its negative impact on human rights, conflict, security and development around the world, and pushing for measures to control or eradicate the trade. Overall, however, their activity has helped result in the sidelining of Northern military predominance from debate and facilitated intervention in the South based on liberal understandings of the arms trade, conflict, development and human rights. They thus contribute to the perpetuation of a hierarchical and asymmetrical world military order and to the construction of the South as a site of Northern benevolence and intervention. Stavrianakis exposes the tensions inherent in NGOs' engagement with the arms trade and argues for a re-examination of dominant assumptions about NGOs as global civil society actors.

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The End of Certainty  
Towards a New Internationalism  
Stephen Chan

The End of Certainty is a magical realist book on world politics. Stephen Chan takes the reader on a rollercoaster ride through how we can establish a new kind of international relations and construct a common future for the planet.

The book's main argument is that international politics has failed because the certainties of singular traditions of philosophy fail to help us in understanding power shifts and struggles in an endlessly diverse world. Chan argues that fusing different strands of Western, Eastern, religious and philosophical thought, is far more likely to help us understand and move forward amidst uncertainty. In doing so, he takes us on a journey from the battlefields of Eritrea to the Twin Towers, via the Book of Job, Clausewitz, Fanon and Wahabism.

You'll never think about politics in quite the same way again.

Stephen Chan is Professor of International Relations and was the foundation Dean of Law and Social Sciences in the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. He began life as the son of Chinese refugees in New Zealand, studied classics, came to the UK and then spent several years in Africa as an international civil servant. He has held visiting positions in many universities and has lectured on five continents. In his academic writings, he attempts to find the fusion he believes has been important in his life. His previous books include: The Zen of International Relations; Robert Mugabe: A Life of Power and Violence; Out of Evil and Grasping Africa.

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The FARC
Garry Leech

To many - the Colombian, U.S. and the EU governments among them - the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) is no more than a terrorist organization. Moreover, they claim that the FARC is only engaged in criminal activities and no longer maintains an ideology. But does this tell the whole story? Or can terrorism be a strategy for furthering ideological objectives - irrespective of how the terrorist actions may appear to contradict stated political and ideological beliefs? As the UN's special envoy to Colombia noted in 2003, it would be 'a mistake to think that the FARC members are only drug traffickers and terrorists'.

Part of Zed's groundbreaking Rebels series, Garry Leech has written the definitive introduction to the FARC, examining the group's origins, aims and ideology, and looking at its organizational and operational structures. The book also investigates the FARC's impact on local, regional and global politics and explores its future direction. As someone who reported from the frontline in Colombia for many years and was himself kidnapped by the FARC, Leech offers an unparalleled insight into one of the world's most high-profile armed revolutionary organizations.

'Rebels' is an exciting and innovative new series looking at contemporary rebel groups and their place in global politics. Written by leading experts, the books serve as definitive introductions to the individual organizations, whilst seeking to place them within a broader geographical and political framework. They examine the origins, ideology and future direction of each group, whilst posting such questions as 'When does a "rebel" political movement become a "terrorist" organization?' and 'What are the social-economic drivers behind political violence?'

Garry Leech is a British born American independent journalist and editor of the online publication Colombia Journal, which analyzes U.S. foreign policy in Colombia. He also teaches international politics at Cape Breton University in Sydney, Nova Scotia, Canada.

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Throughout the world, there has been a growing wave of interest in global corporate power and the rise of a transnational capitalist class, triggered by economic and political transformations that have blurred national borders and disembedded corporate business from national domiciles. Using social network analysis, William Carroll maps the changing field of power generated by elite relations among the world's largest corporations and related political organizations.

Carroll provides an in-depth analysis that spans the three decades of the late 20th and early 21st century, when capitalist globalization attained unprecedented momentum, propelled both by the transnationalization of accumulation and by the political paradigm of transnational neoliberalism. These has been an era in which national governments have deregulated capital, international institutions such as the World Trade Organization and the World Economic Forum have gained prominence, and production and finance have become more fully transnational, increasing the structural power of capital over communities and workers.

Within this context of transformation, the book charts the making of a transnational capitalist class, reaching beyond national forms of capitalist class organization into a global field, but facing spirited opposition from below in an ongoing struggle that is also a struggle over alternative global futures.

Bill Carroll is a professor of Sociology at the University of Victoria, where he directs the Social Justice Studies Program. His research interests are in the areas of the political economy of corporate capitalism, social movements and social justice, and critical social theory and method. He has won the Canadian Sociological Association's John Porter Prize twice, for his books on the structure of corporate power in Canada. He has held visiting fellowships and appointments at universities worldwide, and is a Research Associate with the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, an associate editor of the journal Socialist Studies, and a member of Sociologists Without Borders.

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Worst-Case Scenario
Repressive Governance and the Security Regime
Stuart Price

In 'Worst-Case Scenario', Stuart Price identifies the existence of a practice that lies at the operational core of the western political order – the projection of the worst-case scenario. Using a wide range of official sources and case studies, the thesis of the book is that references to industrial disorder, insurgency, natural catastrophe, and terrorist assault – together with the material practices they accompany - represent an attempt to extend the 'crisis paradigm' into a form of governance.

The reproduction of a 'national security' agenda, under the guise of protecting democracy, is not designed to counter a threat to the public as such, but is rather meant to extend the hegemony of dominant institutions. This ideological predisposition grows from a forced association between national security and the public good, in which it is assumed that dominant organisations or principles epitomise the moral foundations of the social order.

Use of the worst-case scenario is not, however, confined to the political or economic realm, since it circulates as a major theme within journalism, certain types of adventure fiction, and mainstream cinematic narrative. 'Worst-Case Scenario' provides a comprehensive overview of all those public discourses and activities, including an assessment of surveillance and public order policing, which contribute to the growth of what Price calls the 'security regime'.

Stuart Price is Principal Lecturer in Media, Film and Journalism, at De Montfort University, Leicester. He is the author of 'Brute Reality' (2010), 'Discourse Power Address' (2007), and a number of other books on Media and Communication theory. His research encompasses studies of politics, rhetoric, cultural formations in antiquity, film and adaptation, and configurations of state power. He produced one of the few academic analyses of the Stockwell shooting, for Boehmer and Morton's 'Terror and the Postcolonial' (2010), and is particularly interested in the development of the Western 'security regime'. Besides his current work on the 'Worst-Case Scenario' for Zed Books, future projects include a study of ideology and textual expression, called 'Textual Analysis'.

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Zapatistas
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In the early hours of January 1, 1994 a guerrilla army of indigenous Mayan peasants emerged from the highlands and jungle in the far southeast of Mexico and declared "¡Ya basta!" - "Enough!". As elites in Canada, the United States, and Mexico celebrated the coming into force of the North American Free Trade Agreement, the Zapatista Army of National Liberation declared war against a 500-year-old trajectory of colonialism, racism, exploitation, oppression and genocide.

The effects of the uprising were profound, and would be felt far beyond the borders of Mexico. At a moment when state-sponsored socialism had all but vanished and other elements of the left appeared defeated in the face of neoliberalism's global ascendancy, the Zapatista uprising sparked a powerful new wave of transnational socio-political action. In exploring the Zapatista movement's origins, history, structure, aims, political philosophy and possible future directions, Alex Khasnabish provides a critical and comprehensive overview of one of the most important rebel groups in recent history.

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