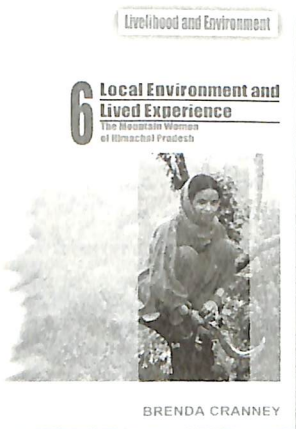


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Local Environment and Lived Experience: The Mountain Women of Himachal Pradesh

By Brenda Canney

Rural communities throughout India, particularly those in the mountains, depend on the forest for their sustenance and livelihood. However, the introduction of inappropriate development



programmes combined with the growing intrusion of a capitalist economy, has led to the rapid depletion of forest resources. Brenda Canney focuses on the ways in which the degradation of the environment has affected the lives of poor women in rural India.

The Mountain Women of Himachal Pradesh vividly demonstrates the

ways in which the depletion of forests has eroded the biomass-based subsistence economy of the hill regions, leading to an increased workload for women. It has affected their health and their experience of family and culture. It has also heightened their poverty and educational deprivation.

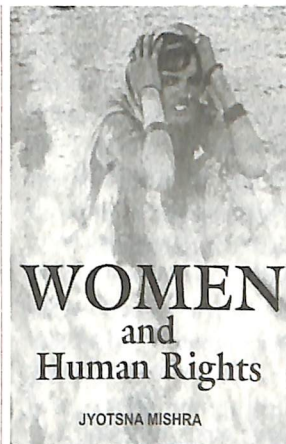
Canney's research also reveals that in coping with the changes brought about by capitalist development projects, women have had to resist traditional patriarchal and cultural expectations. As a consequence, they are taking greater control over their lives.

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Women and Human Rights

Edited by Jyotsna Mishra

Violence affects the lives of millions of women in all socio-economic and educational classes worldwide. It cuts across cultural and religious barriers, impeding the right of women to participate fully in society. Violence against women assumes a variety of forms, from domestic abuse



and rape, to child marriages and female circumcision. All violate the most fundamental human rights.

Raising awareness of the issue of violence against women, and educating boys and men to view women as valuable partners in life, in the development of a society, and in the attainment of peace, are just as important as taking legal steps to protect women's human rights.

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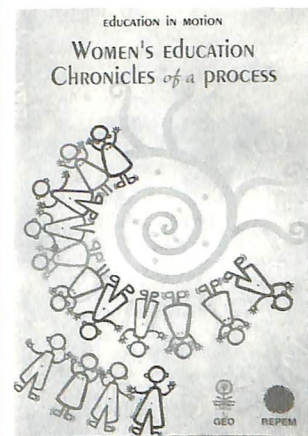
Women's Education: Chronicles of a Process

By the Gender and Education Office of the International Council for Adult Education

(GEO) and Red de Educacion Popular Entre Mujeres de America Latina y el Caribe (REPEM)

Women's education: Chronicles of a process trails the path walked by the women's movement around the issues of gender and education at global and local levels.

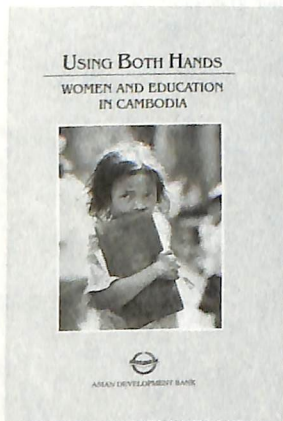
This book examines the progress of adult education in UNESCO Conferences on Adult Education by identifying in the language of the Conferences the dif-



ferent assumptions and definitions of gender relationships that have permeated the final documents, while analysing the role of civil society and specially looking at GEO-REPEM work in these spaces. A chapter is also devoted to studying some United Nations Conferences and Summits on the issues of

gender and education, inquiring especially on the different concepts of education. It also documents experience of the monitoring done by GEO/REPEM on some central issues of gender and education, which appeared in several of the conferences.

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Using Both Hands: Women and Education in Cambodia
By Edward B. Fiske

As part of a technical assistance project carried out by the Queensland Education Consortium of Australia for Asian Development Bank, the study examines the extent to which girls and women are

participating in education in Cambodia and suggests ways to enhance this participation. The nature and causes of Cambodia's gender gap are identified and remedies for addressing them are suggested.

Published by the Asian Development Bank. P.O. Box 789, 0980 Manila, Philippines. 1995, 76 p. ISBN 971-561-073-0



Women and Gender Relations: The Kyrgyz Republic in Transition
By Armin Bauer, David Green and Kathleen Kuehnast

In conjunction with drafting of the country operational strategy for the Kyrgyz Republic, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) examines the role of women and children in Kyrgyz society. This gender study lays the groundwork for broadening the discussion on women's roles in

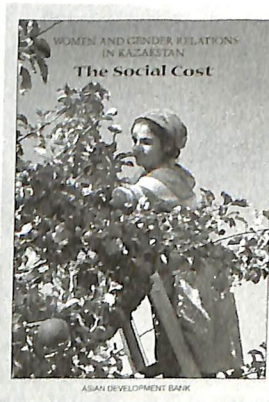
transition at the national, sectoral, and local levels.

Published by the Asian Development Bank. P.O. Box 789, 0980 Manila, Philippines. 1997. 134 p. ISBN 971-561-099-4

Women and Gender Relations in Kazakhstan: The Social Cost

By Armin Bauer, Nina Boschmann and David Green

This book features the results of the gender study commissioned by the Asian Development Bank in 1996 in relation to the drafting of the bank's country strategy for Kazakhstan.



It tackles existing initiatives on the economy, including the social costs of transition. The book also discusses efforts to address the issues of children.

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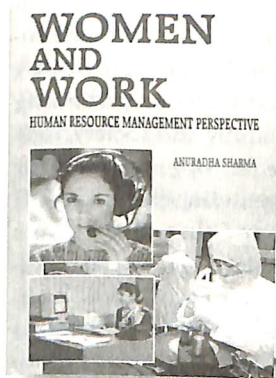
Women, Globalization and Fragmentation in the Developing World

Edited by Haleh Afshar and Stephanie Barrientos

The process of globalisation has had a dramatic impact on the lives of women in developing countries in the past decade. They have been increasingly drawn to an insecure, flexible employment for the world market. The feminisation of the labour market has increased the burdens of women. The inability of men to access full-time, well-remunerated employment has exacerbated the process of male out migration and has left many families headed by women. At the same time, the reduction in state services and welfare has increased the burdens placed on women. However, the consequences of globalisation have been different for different women in different places. For some, it has created opportunities for greater empowerment, whilst in others, it has stimulated a reaction and increased the subordination of women.

Halesh Afshar and Stephanie Barrientos document the experiences of women in diverse local contexts within different cultures and faiths, drawing on case studies from Asia, Africa and Latin America. It draws out the contradictory and fragmented impact of globalisation at the local level on the lives of women in the developing world.

Published by MacMillan Press Ltd, Houndmills, Basingstoke, Hampshire RG21 6XS. 1999, 230 p. ISBN 0-333-73927-2



Women and Work: Human Resource Management Perspective
By Anuradha Sharma

Entry of women in all types of workplace has brought about new challenges for organisation management specialists. Whether one likes it or not, women are the new

workforce of the next century.

The status of knowledge about micro level factors particularly from Human Resource Management perspective is limited. This is also evident from the fact that management theorising is gender neutral, even though in practice it is not so. Restructuring women's role to allow them to achieve excellence, competence and satisfaction needs attention of management thinkers. These correlates of 'women and work' are determined through survey, data and review-based analysis. Emphasising on the need for a humanistic approach and for looking ahead, an attempt has been made to suggest that management studies and policy planners could think in the direction of an alternative paradigm.

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Employment Strategies for Women in Cambodia

The socio-economic and employment situation of women in Cambodia is

examined closely and the most vulnerable groups are identified in this study funded by the Asian Development Bank. It also discusses the results of a national survey of various nonformal skills training programmes, and highlights the target groups and essential elements of a sustainable strategy.

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The National Policy for Women: Cambodia

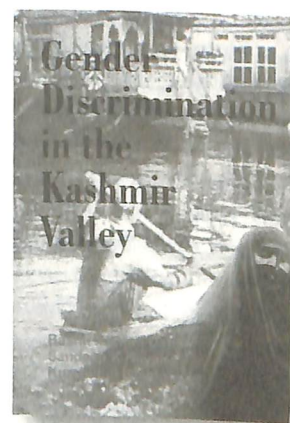
How best is it to encourage women's participation in traditional and non-traditional sectors and ensure the equitable sharing of resources in the social, cultural and economic spheres? The National Policy for Women provides guidelines and directions aimed at both the private and public sectors for planning and implementing legal reforms and development programmes. The study, under the auspices of the Asian Development Bank, includes sub-components that address the areas of health, education, agriculture, rural development, employment, social action, environment, and decision-making.

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Gender Discrimination in the Kashmir Valley: A Survey of Budgam and Baramulla Districts

By Bashir Ahmad Dabla, Sandeep K. Nayak and Khurshid-UI-Islam

The phenomenon of "gender discrimination" exists more or less in all societies of the world regardless of differences in region, religion, economy, policies, education, culture, social structure, etc.



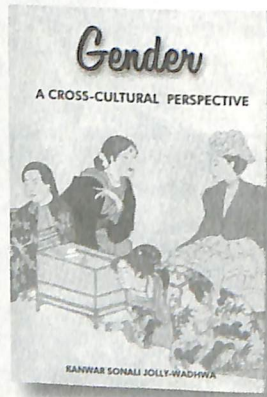
Sociological studies carried out at the global level and in cross-cultural context have revealed that women, in general, were not considered equal to men at the social level; they were not allowed to become active partners in the pro-

cesses of change and development. Like other societies/communities in the Indian subcontinent, the Kashmiri women face a certain set of gender-based discrimination in the traditional situation. However, as a result of cumulative effect of the processes of modernisation, this situation has changed qualitatively as well as quantitatively. While the direction of this change stands towards their total development and emancipation, it has also given rise to some crucial problems. It was in the context of preceding social dynamics that the study was carried out in the Kashmir valley.

Based on a revised version of the report of an extensive empirical study carried out in Baramulla and Budgam districts in 1996-1997 among 600 selected and representative respondents, and on the proceedings of the National Seminar in Srinagar in August 1997 organised jointly by the United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF), New Delhi; Jammu and Kashmir Government; and Department of Sociology, University of Kashmir, the book discusses the findings of the report and prepares a set of recommendations to negate and debase the practices related to gender discrimina-

tion in the valley.

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Gender: A Cross-Cultural Perspective
By Kanwar Sonali Jolly-Wadhwa

Gender Studies is a multi-disciplinary subject where new dimensions are suggested in understanding women's positions. Gender Studies, as a discipline, is gaining immense importance with the march of time, when the need to incorporate women's problems in the higher educational systems has been felt throughout the world. Various women's groups around the world are working on the theoretical and practical base of the emerging

academic discipline. In order to break the silence about women's role in the society as well as their problems, women have to be brought out from invisibility to visibility.

Kanwar Sonali Jolly-Wadhwa incorporates various aspect of gender from its subversion to immigration, marriage to motherhood, women and religion, state, politics and finally at work through the lanes and byways of history. She unearths various moods and achievements of women from the Far East to Europe, covering USA and Central America as well. Experiences are almost same across the cultural boundaries.

The insights provide immense value to students of history, sociology, scholars, researchers, feminists and all those working for the cause of women.

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Preferring Women
By Mario Gomez and Shyamala Gomez

Women constitute half of the country's population. Yet Sri Lankan women have never held more than six percent of the seats at any level of government/parliamentary, provincial or local.

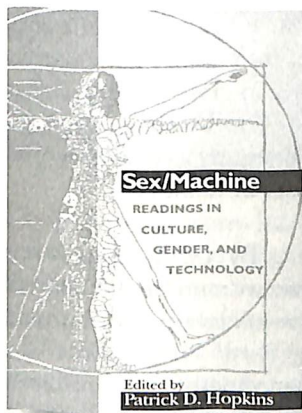
Mario Gomez and Shymala Gomez contend that the number of women in government is unlikely to increase in the short term in the absence of a temporary quota or reservation.

According to the authors, no group defined with such precision can lay claim to such a monumental imbalance in representation. While women play a pivotal role in sustaining the family and society, they have few opportunities for influencing the laws and policies that shape their societies. A political reservation for women will ensure that women's voices are heard and their experiences are taken into account.

The authors propose several alternatives for amending Sri Lanka's electoral laws, including proposing a reservation for women in the national list.

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SHAKTI Gender Equity Project, No. 12 Amarasekara Mawatha, Colombo 5, Sri Lanka. Tels: (94-1) 502-640/1/4, Fax: (94-1) 502-643, E-mail: shakti@slt.lk 2001, 108 p. ISBN: 995-8027-02-2



Sex/Machine: Readings in Culture, Gender, and Technology
 Edited by Patrick D. Hopkins

How do cultural notions of gender affect what kinds of technologies are produced and for what purpose? How does technology affect gender roles, either by reinforcing them or by destabilising them? What is the significance of sex and gender in the use of technologies such as cosmetic surgery and reproductive procedures that manipulate the body? Does “sexual difference” have any implications for the development of any tech-

nology? What does “gender” mean in a technologically influenced world?

Technology—from personal computers and cyberspace to artificial wombs and sex reassignment surgery—has opened up the possibility that sex roles as well as the gendered notions we have of human identity are subject to radical change. Leading scholars in science and technology studies, medical ethics, and gender studies, including Donna J. Haraway, Christine Overall, Sherry Turkle, and Autumn Stanley, assess the impact of technologies that are blurred distinctions between the sexes. An illuminating and often unsettling picture of ethical, moral, and legal issues that shape individual experience and culture in the late 20th century emerges from the interface of gender and technology.

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Adolescent Sexuality in the Philippines
 Edited by Corazon M.

Raymundo, Peter Xenos and Lita J. Domingo.

Adolescent research especially in the area of sexuality and its related behaviours has been scanty not only in the Philippines but also in many parts of the Asian region. This is not to diminish the importance of the subject but it has more to do with the sensitivity of the issue particularly in societies of the region.

The Philippines has the added characteristics of being a Catholic country and one, which has been undergoing massive changes in its socio-economic environment. These pose challenges to some dearly held customs and traditions. The on-going transition has been slow but significant, making adjustments for all concerned difficult and not without long-term consequences. This study aims to fill in important information gaps in understanding the knowledge, attitudes and behaviour of young Filipinos in a wide range of sex and sex-related issues together with some significant events and institutions affecting their behaviours.

The monograph is divided into ten chapters that presents analyses and dis-

cussions of some of the more important topics dealt with in Young Adult Fertility and Sexuality Study (YAFS-II). It includes, among others, a current profile as well as a short trend in selected social, economic, and cultural characteristics of the Filipino youth today.

Particularly interesting is the chapter dealing with three risk behaviors among adolescents—smoking, drinking and drug use.

Published by the University of the Philippines (UP) Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Development, UP Institute and East-West Center Population and Health Studies. 1999, 179 p. ISBN 971-8729-24-0

Radical Feminism Today
 By Denise Thompson

A timely and engaging account of exactly what feminism is, and what it is not. Denise Thompson questions much of what has come to be taken for granted as “feminism” and points to the limitations of implicitly defining feminism in terms of “women,” “gender,” “difference,” or “race/gender/class.” She challenges some of the most widely accepted ideas

about feminism and in doing so, opens up a number of hitherto closed debates, allowing for the possibility of moving those debates further.

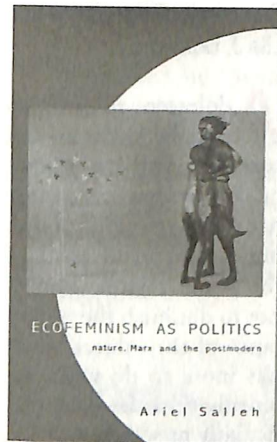
A fresh and sometimes controversial consideration of current academic feminist literatures, *Radical Feminism Today* will be essential reading for all students of women's studies and the sociology of feminism.

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Ecofeminism as Politics: Nature, Marx and the Postmodern
By Ariel Salleh

Why is an alliance between ecology, peace, feminism, socialism and postcolonial movements so slow in coming? In this extraordinary polyphonic text, Ariel Salleh tells us why. Informed by a critical postmodern reading of the Marxist tradition, her ecofeminism integrates discourses on science, the body, culture, nature and political economy.

Salleh is known internationally for her gender



critiques of ecopolitics. Here she explores the philosophical challenge of ecofeminism, and shows how confusion over the implications of 'difference' has held back radical change. The book opens with an account of the so far invisible history of ecofeminist politics; the second part establishes ecofeminism's status as an embodied materialism; while part three argues that a way forward exists in the common agency of women's and indigenous struggles.

Salleh carries the terms of political argument to a new plane. Her analysis provides an antidote to neo-liberal complacency and is as essential for activists in an era of globalisation as it is for scholars of social theory, women's studies, environmental and postcolonial studies.

Published by Zed Books Ltd, 7 Cynthia Street, London N1 9JF, UK. 1997, 208 p. ISBN 1-85649-400-4

Casting Pearls: The Women's Franchise Movement in Sri Lanka

by Malathi de Alwis and Kumari Jayawardena

Casting Pearls: *The Women's Franchise Movement in Sri Lanka* is an account of the first struggles of women for the right to vote. The 1920s was a time of political excitement and social change, a time when universal suffrage was being hotly debated and when Sir Ponnambalam Ramanathan said that giving women the vote was like casting pearls before swine.

The pioneering women of the Women's Franchise Union challenged all the diehards and came out boldly for the cause of basic democratic rights for women, namely, the right to vote, the right to contest elections and the right to sit in the legislature. Many spirited women of all ethnic groups led the movement. Among them were Lady Daisy Bandaranaike, Dr. Nalamma Satyavagiswara Aiyar, Florinda Wijeyekoon, Agnes de Silva, Dr. Mary

Rutnam, Nellie Gunasekera and Leelavati Aserappa.

The opposition they faced ranged from the frivolous to the absurd, and the women reformers were well able to handle their critics and make sharp rebuttals. But they also had the support of liberal and progressive men who believed that universal suffrage and gender equity were an essential part of democracy.

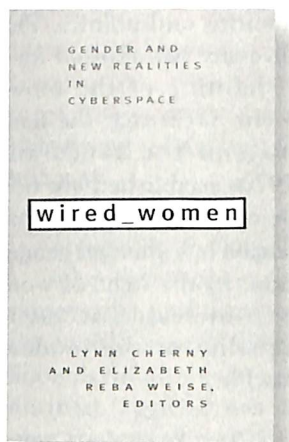
By 1932, there were two women State Councilors—Adeleine Molamure and Naysum Saravanamuttu. This book is an important addition to the writings on women's history in Sri Lanka.

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Wired Women: Gender and New Realities in Cyberspace

Edited by Lynn Cherny and Elizabeth Reba Weise

Wired Women is a fascinating look at the lives of women online. The authors have put together



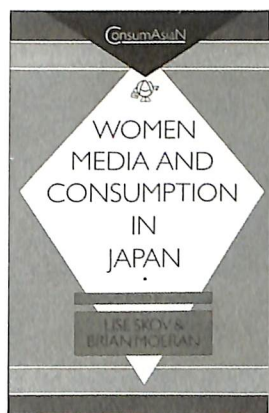
a collection of essays from women who definitely talk back, and have much to say about online communities and culture. This book reflects what every wired woman knows—cyberspace might have more men in it, but it hardly belongs to them.

From a wickedly direct account of gender attitudes at *Wired* magazine to the thorny tension between free speech and sexual harassment online, this is an addicting read. These women know the territory (don't miss the essay on hackers' attitudes toward women).

Like many past physical frontiers of the world, the online world has been, until recently, a bastion of male prerogative. Thankfully, this is changing as more women gain access, and with statistical change comes a shift in online in-

terpersonal relations and the very nature of the Net. *Wired Women* contains 15 essays written by women that provide a much-needed new perspective on a life—and a literature—that had for years been an odd cross between macho and nerdy.

Published by Seal Press, 3131 Western Ave., Suite 410, Seattle, Washington 98121. 1996, 269 p. ISBN 1-878067-73-7



Women, Media and Consumption in Japan
Edited by Lise Skov and Brian Moeran

The first book of its kind to examine images of women in Japanese consumerism, *Women, Media and Consumption in Japan* explores a variety of media targeted at women—in particular magazines, but also television, popular literature and consumer trends.

Written by anthropologists, sociologists, and literary scholars who draw on and analyse Japanese marketing materials, the collection of essays cover visual and print media for middle-aged women, housewives, and single women in their 20s, as well as the vast market for those in their teens. From Oshin to Yashimoto Banana and other media heroines popular all over the world, Japanese women finally stop 'hiding in the light.'

Published by University of Hawaii Press, 2840 Kolowalu Street Honolulu, Hawaii' 96822. 1995, 318 p. ISBN 0-8248-1776-1.

Women in Panchayati Raj Structures
By P. Manikyamba

P. Manikyamba's work is in the nature of a response to the contemporary revival of the strategies of democratic decentralisation, coupled with concern for elevating the level of women's participation in the political process of the nation.

Even within the confines of a short volume, an attempt is made to reveal, through micro level investigations as well as macro level assessments, the state of the present and the prospects for the future. It

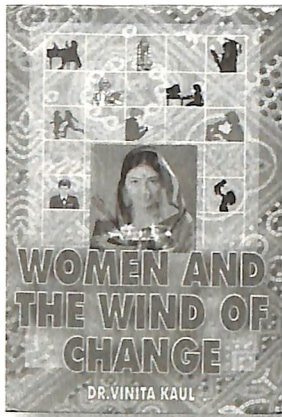
opens with a discussion of the achievements and shortcomings in the working of Panchayati Raj since 1959. Revitalisation trends in the present stage of Panchayati Raj are examined, along with the policies and programmes concerning rural women's development, and constitutes an important part of the study. The factors responsible for rural women's marginal visibility in development programmes have clearly been stated.

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Women and The Wind of Change
By Vinita Kaul

There exists an imminent need to discuss and examine on a macro level the plethora of issues adversely affecting the lives of women.

Vital issues are inextricably linked to the impartial evaluation of injustices perpetrated upon the stoic segment of society. Indeterminate, as well as specific causes, which contribute substantially towards making the lives of women from different economic strata of society, are fraught with



difficulties and distress.

Women and the Wind of Change, the author's seminal, full-length work on women's issues, does just that. It keeps up with the spirit of enquiry, analysis and suggested solutions to alleviate the many hardships that women have to undergo, for a complex number of socio-economic, socio-psychological and socio-historical reasons, to mention a few. To understand and evaluate such issues in their entirety, a more or less uniform practice of tracing the genesis of the issue and establishing the various factors, which influenced attitudes and events over a period of time, has been followed.

The information disseminated does not purport to be exhaustive, though the endeavour of the author has been to present a reasonably broad-based study. It is especially pertinent to women and

institutions that govern the destiny of the women of our vast and wonderful Indian subcontinent.

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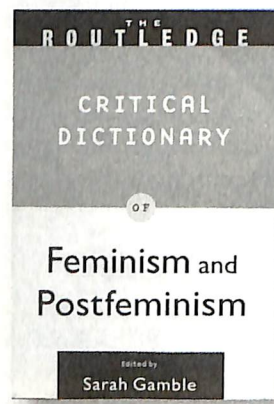
Emancipation and Empowerment of Women
By V. Mohini Giri

In recent times, there has been a growing body of literature on political, social, economic and management aspects of women's concerns. In this work, the author, with her intimate knowledge and incisive analysis, coupled with personal experience borne out of extensive travel within the country and abroad, has presented an authentic account of the process of women's emancipation and empowerment.

The complexity of the issues is captured in the various sections with insight and understanding. In a single volume, multiple concerns of women are succinctly discussed in the author's inimitable style. They include socio-politico-economic facets such as empowerment of women, gender equality, gender justice, gender equity, women's rights, human

rights, voluntary action, social legislation, custodial justice, gender equality with social justice, marginalised groups among women, child prostitution and trafficking, violence against women, role of the media, gender issues and habitat, democracy and governance and other related subjects.

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The Routledge Critical Dictionary of Feminism and Postfeminism
Edited by Sarah Gamble

Feminism has radically altered everyday relations between people worldwide. Since its earliest days, feminism has been organised around multiple agendas and issues including pornography, sexual

identity, and politics. This diversity has allowed for a redefining of the movement. Ideas that the feminists of the 1960s and 1970s established are now being questioned and challenged by a younger generation, in the light of women's increased access to equality in the modern world.

The Routledge Critical Dictionary of Feminism and Postfeminism is designed to be the widest-ranging paperback reference guide on feminism ever published. This invaluable resource follows the unique Critical Dictionary format in combining over a dozen essays with more than 400 A-Z dictionary entries.

In-depth background essays trace the development of feminist thought and outline its influence on various aspects of contemporary culture, such as technology, religion, literature, and film. The dictionary entries cover major individuals and issues essential to our understanding both of feminism's roots and the trends that are shaping its future.

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Rethinking Organizational and Managerial Communication from Feminist Perspective

Edited by Patrice M. Buzzanell

Patrice M. Buzzanell, who also provides frameworks and analyses that could be useful for additional critiques, examines feminist approaches to some organisational communication issues.

The sections progress from theoretical analyses that reconceptualise and extend boundaries in our thinking about work and organising processes; through the use of marginalised voices to question ordinary acts, identities and critiques of organisational constructs to the incorporation of different micropractices and structures that (re) construct injustice.

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Katipunera

By Elsa M. Coscolluela

Most of the poems were written be-



tween 1965 and 1973, when Elsa Coscolluela stopped writing poetry in favor of playwriting and an academic career.

She resumed writing poetry in 1993, and has won two more Palanca awards, the Philippines' foremost literary award-giving body, for "In Time Passing and Other Poems" (second place, 1995). "Katipunera" also tied for first place in the Free Press Poetry Contest for 1996. In 1996 the University of the Philippines Creative Writing Centre named her National Fellow for Drama.

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Spaces: Earthbound, Skybound

By Aida F. Santos

The poems of Aida Santos, a feminist activist from the Philippines, reflect her personal refuge and her private demons, all at the same time. It also reflects her personal and public politics. She brought out her sisters' stories into focus; stories, which were left out in the writing of revolutions and rebellions.



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Woman: An Intimate Geography

By Natalie Angier

A celebration of the female body: its

anatomy, its chemistry, its evolution and its laughter. Natalie Angier delves into the biology of being female without falling into the sludge of biological determinism.

Things that women traditionally associate with the image of woman—the womb, the egg, the breast, the blood, the almighty clitoris—and things that women don't—movement, strength, aggression, and fury—are all here. Drawing on science, literature and history, Angier provides valuable insight into the power of hormones, breast milk and yes, the all-important clitoris.

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Kitchen

By Banana Yashimoto

"The place I like best in this world is the kitchen." So begins this enchantingly original and deeply affecting book that juxtaposes two stories about mothers, transsexuality, kitchens, love, and tragedy—all seen through the eyes of a pair of free-spirited young women in contem-



porary Japan. Told in a whimsical style that recalls the early Marguerite Duras, "Kitchen," and its companion story, "Moonlight Shadow," are elegant tales whose seeming simplicity is the ruse of a masterful storyteller.

Banana Yoshimoto is a special writer whose unique voice echoes in the mind and soul. She won two of Japan's most prestigious literary prizes, and has gone into more than sixty printings there, selling millions of copies. "Bananamania" has stormed overseas, and has landed this charming book on bestseller lists both here in the U.S. and in Europe.

Published by Washington Square Press of Pocket Books, a division of Simon & Schuster Inc. 1230 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10020. 1988, 152 p. ISBN 0-671-88018-7

Filipino Migrant Women in the Netherlands

By Mary Alice P. Gonzales

Filipino Migrant Women in The Netherlands is a collection of life stories of four Filipino women which revolves around the formation of the women's selves, their consciousness of themselves as individuals, and the identities they choose to create (or are forced to take), continuously recreate, live, and negotiate on a daily basis.

Theirs are stories of individual women whose coloured and ethnic identities obviously differ from that of the mainstream white Dutch population, whose accents confirm these differences, and whose culture and values place them between the Dutch and the Filipino cultures, though never fully belonging to either.

Questions focus on the following: How do Filipino migrant women construct and negotiate their multiple identities in Dutch society? Specifically, how do they negotiate their gender, class, racial/ethnic and other identities in the context of Dutch society, also considering their experiences in the Philippines?

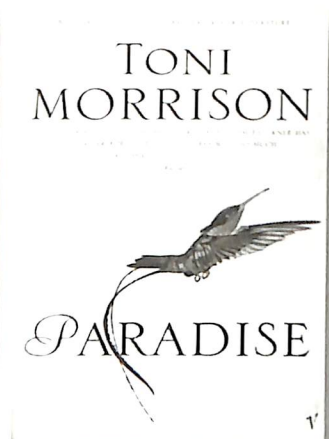
The objective of this research was to portray migrant women as people who are effectively functioning, actively participating, and fruitfully contributing to Dutch society, despite the stereotype images as problematic. This research also aims to contribute to the ongoing debates surrounding post-modern feminism, by grounding the concepts of multiple identities, agency difference and solidarity.

Published by Giraffe Books, #7 Visayas Ave., Cor DANR, Quezon City 1128, Philippines. 1998, 135 p. ISBN 971-8967-86-9

Paradise

By Toni Morrison

Paradise is structured around eight chapters, each bearing a woman's name, each adding a different point of view to the narrative. It's set in Ruby, a fictitious black town founded by proud, racially pure men who emerged from the fight against slavery only to find there was yet another hierarchy—this time based on gradations of skin colour—to keep them down. Yet the myth of Ruby's own racial genealogy, its piety and self-righteousness is fragile. And the women who skirt the town's boundaries, preferring to



take refuge in their own company threaten to blow it apart.

Published by Vintage Random House, 20 Vauxhall Bridge Road, London SW1V2SA. 1999, 318 p. ISBN 0 09 976821 6

The Language of Threads: A Novel

by Gail Tsukiyama

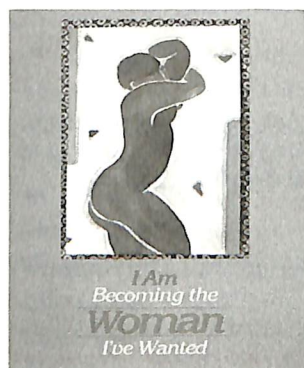
Gail Tsukiyama, author of three previous novels: *Women of the Silk*, *The Samurai's Garden*, and *Night of Many Dreams* tells the story of Pei, brought to work in the silk house as a young girl.

In her new novel, *The Language of Threads*, readers will learn what happened to Pei as she arrives in 1930s Hong Kong with a young orphan, Ji Shen, in her care. Soon Pei and Ji Shen find a new life in the

home of Mrs. Finch, a British expatriate. But war, and the Japanese occupation of Hong Kong, tears everything apart, and Pei is once again forced to make her own way, struggling to survive and to keep her extended family alive.

In this dramatic story of hardship and survival, Gail Tsukiyama paints an unforgettable portrait of women fighting the forces of war and time to make a life.

Published by St. Martin's Press, 175 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10010. 1999, 276 p. ISBN 0-312-26756-8



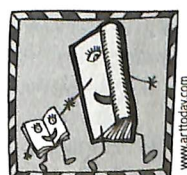
I Am Becoming the Woman I've Wanted
By Sandra Haldeman Martz

I Am Becoming the Woman I've Wanted, the latest in the series of best-selling anthologies (*When I am an Old Woman I Shall Wear Purple*

and *If I Had My Life to Live Over I Would Pick More Daughters*), delves into the sometimes hidden and always powerful feelings that women have about their bodies. In the emotionally evocative style that characterises Martz' previous collections, this book explores coming of age, sexuality, childbirth, physical power, menopause, ageing, and much more.

This is more than just another book about body image. Using her talent for bringing together extraordinary stories, poems, and photographs about women's lives, editor Sandra Martz explores the broader question of how the physical aspects of being female affect women's experiences. Sure to be a bestseller, this anthology will have women reading and thinking, and sharing for a long time.

Published by Papier Mache Press, 135 Aviation Way #14, Watsonville, CA. 1994, 218 p. ISBN 0-918949-50-5



e-resources on women and South-South movements

Women's Movements and the Challenge of Transnationalism

Amrita Basu, Professor of Political Science and Women's and Gender Studies at Amherst College, writes about the implications on women's movements of the growing trend toward transnational forms of organising. Basu discusses links between globalisation and transnational women's movements, the kinds of tensions that have emerged, as well as the new opportunities that have been created by globalisation. She also explains how transnational feminism has enabled women's organisations from the South and North to organise jointly around a larger range of issues than in the past, and the extent to which this has generated new problems and challenges.

Language: English
Website: <http://womencrossing.org/basu.html>

Southern Women's Group

A feminist/libertarian organisation working towards the empowerment of women and the elimination of sexism, the Southern Women's Group runs an information and referral centre for women in Bega, New South Wales, Australia. It is developing this site as an informational tool.

Language: English
Website: <http://www.geocities.com/CapitolHill/5014/>

South Movement

The South Movement began at La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia, in late 1990, as a student-staff activist, anti-war and Third World solidarity movement. The group took its name from its solidarity with the global south in support of economic and political initiatives of the Non-aligned Movement (now 114 countries in the United Nations) in furthering world development. In November 1996 it broadened its affiliation outside the boundaries of the universities and the South Movement was incorporated as a registered association with the Corporate Affairs Office, Victoria.

Language: English
Website: <http://southmovement.alphalink.com.au/about.htm>

MNC Masala

An extensive set of pages on social movements in India published by Corporate Watch. Includes statistics on the economy, local effects of globalisation, analysis of neo-liberal economic reforms, descriptions of anti-corporate and anti-poverty movements, and environmental actions.

Language: English

Website: <http://www.corpwatch.org/trac/feature/india/index.html>

Saxakali's South Asian Web

An online documentation centre which contains a collection of articles from various E-mail lists (PR Forum, foil, etc.) and newspapers, focusing on social issues in South Asia, especially on religion, caste, gender, and class.

Language: English

Website: <http://saxakali.com/southasia/south.html>

SouthAsia

Includes many links about activist groups and social movement issues. It has a search engine for quick access on information regarding social activism.

Language: English

Website: http://southasia.net/Activism_Public/

South Asia Citizen's Web

An independent space on the net to promote dialogue and information exchange between and about South Asian citizens' initiatives [located in Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and diasporic communities]. The main rubrics on this site are: civil society, peace, democracy, secularism, social movements, the women's movement, environmental campaigns, labour movement activism, human rights groups and campaigns, citizens' action against communalism and religious fundamentalism, news, films, journals contents pages, research projects and book catalogues.

Language: English

Website: <http://www.mnet.fr/aiindex/index.html>

RAWA

The Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan (RAWA) was established in Kabul, Afghanistan, in 1977, as an independent political/social organisation of Afghan women fighting for human rights and for social justice in Afghanistan.

The founders were a number of Afghan women intellectuals under the sagacious leadership of Meena, who was assassinated in Quetta, Pakistan, by Afghan agents of the then KGB, in connivance with fundamentalist band of Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, in 1987. RAWA's objective was to involve an increasing number of Afghan women in social and political activities aimed at acquiring women's human rights and contributing to the struggle for the establishment of a government based on democratic and secular values in Afghanistan.

Despite the suffocating political atmosphere, RAWA very soon became involved in widespread activities in different socio-political arenas including education, health and income generation as well as political agitation.

Language: English, Portuguese, French, Dutch, Spanish, Italian

Website: <http://www.rawa.org>

African Centre for Women

A relatively small site but very accessible. It gives insight into the work that the Economic Commission for Africa is doing with regards to gender and development.

Language: English

Website: <http://www.un.org/Depts/eca/divis/acw/index.htm>

International Center for Research on Women (ICRW)

It provides information on the programmes, grants and publications of the ICRW, which works on health, violence against women, economic development and political participation in Africa and other world regions. The most useful sections of this site are its links to other web sites dealing with these issues, found both in the "links" section and in the "what's new" section.

Language: English

Website: <http://www.icrw.org>