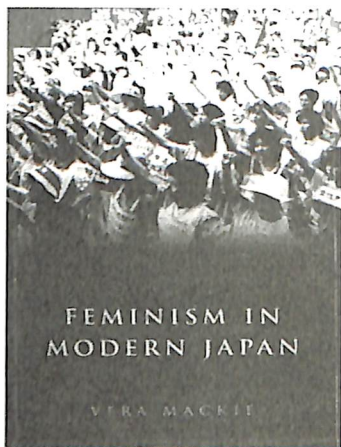


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BOOKS



Feminism in Modern Japan: Citizenship, Embodiment and Sexuality
By Vera Mackie

Tracing the history of feminism in Japan from the end of the nineteenth century to the present, Vera Mackie offers a fascinating account of those who rebelled against convention in the dissemination of ideas that challenged the dominant ways of thinking about women, men and society. Feminist activism took diverse forms as women questioned their roles as subjects of the Emperor, or explored the limits of citizenship un-

der the more liberal post-war constitution.

The story is brought to life through extracts from the writings and surveys of activities of Japanese feminists from 1870s to the present. It involves a multi-layered narrative that draws on the documents of the past, a dialogue with other historians, and an engagement with the ways in which feminist activists and historians have attempted to understand their own past, and the ways in which they have deployed their understandings of the past in addressing the issues of their own time.

This carefully documented analysis is for students of feminism and related areas where nothing comparable is currently available.

Published by the Cambridge University Press, The Edinburgh Bldg., Cambridge CB2 2RU, UK. Website: <<http://www.cambridge.org>>. 2003, 293 p. ISBN Pb 0-521-82018-9.

Feminism Without Borders: Decolonizing Theory, Practicing Solidarity
by Chandra Talpade Mohanty

This volume collects the classic and new writings of Chandra Talpade Mohanty, feminist thinker and “vanguard of Third World and international feminist thought and activism” for nearly two decades. Mohanty’s influential critique of western feminism (Chapter One: “Under Western Eyes”) is also included in this volume, as with her latest ruminations about the ways that gender matters in the racial, class, and national formations of globalisation.

Grounded by the theoretical framework she has developed, her essays cover some of the most pressing and complex issues facing contemporary feminism: an analysis of the neo-capitalist exploitation by looking at the lives of women workers in the global assembly line; an

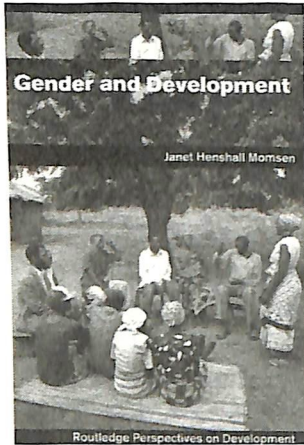
exposition on anti-racist pedagogies; a call for the reorientation of anti-capitalist, transnational feminist solidarity practices; and a look at feminist writing on experience, identity, and community, among others.

Her provocative take on feminist concepts such as “home,” “sisterhood,” “experience” and “community” leads the women’s movement journey toward a feminism without borders, a feminism fully engaged with the realities of a transnational world.

Published by Duke University Press. PO Box 90660, Durham, NC 27708-0660. E-mail: <orders@dukeupress.edu>, Website: <<http://www.dukeupress.edu>>, 2003, 300 p. ISBN Hb 0-8223-3010-5.

Gender and Development
By Janet Henshall Momsen

Since the classic *Women and Development in the Third World*



was published over a decade ago, a new awareness of the importance of gender roles in development has grown. *Gender and Development* provides an introduction to the topic that is based on the author's wide experience on the field.

The book focuses on the new challenges of globalisation, international migration, and conditions of war, and how to overcome them by empowering men and women. It examines reproduction and health, the HIV epidemic, and issues of production, information technology, ecofeminism, etc. It also looks at the United Nations' role and efforts.

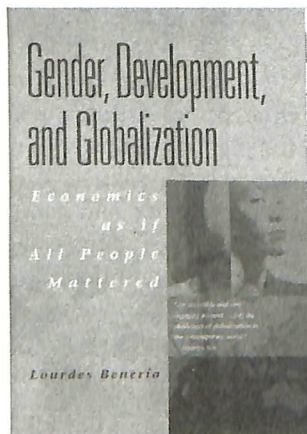
Topical and up-to-date information and analysis are used throughout. This accessible textbook contains a wealth of student-friendly features, including boxed case studies

drawn from the transition countries of Eastern and Central Europe and the Central Asian Republics, as well as Latin America and Asia. There are also chapter learning objectives, discussion questions, annotated guides to further reading and Websites, and numerous maps and photographs.

Published by Routledge, 11 New Fetter Lane, London EC4P 4EE. 2004, 272 p. ISBN Pb 0-415-26690-4.

Gender, Development, and Globalization: Economics As If All People Mattered
By Lourdes Beneria

With Cold War politics gone as the organising principle behind international politics, development has become the most important policy goal of every international organisation.



There is an underside (and a human side) to development, and feminism has made inroads into the highly technical debates and frothy prophecies by examining what the future really holds for the people. This book highlights the ways in which feminist analysis has contributed to a richer understanding of international development and globalisation, including the formation of global markets, economic restructuring, labour market informalisation, the feminisation of the labour force, and the changing patterns of gender constructions.

By combining theoretical, empirical and political perspectives, the book discusses the cutting-edge debates around development, globalisation, economic restructuring and feminist economics. *Gender, Development and Globalization* is an excellent primer on global feminist economics.

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Global Prescriptions: Gendering Health and Human Rights
By Rosalind Pollack Petchesky

Assessing the strengths and weaknesses of a decade of women's participation in UN conferences, transnational networks, national advocacy efforts and sexual and reproductive health provisions, this book stands as an important contribution to current discourses on gender, health and human rights. It also presents case studies of national-level reform and advocacy efforts, and appraises the controversy concerning TRIPS, trade and essential AIDS drugs, which Petchesky considers as the "collision course of transnational corporate and global trade agendas with the struggle for gender, racial and regional equity and the human right to health."

Casting a feminist lens on key events and organisations influencing reproductive health and sexual rights struggles today, *Global Prescriptions* also provides a sober and insightful look into transnational women NGOs, arguing that the power of women's transnational coali-

tions is only as good as their organic connection with grassroots social movements. This is a highly recommended book from an author who has been consistently exploring the interfaces between political science, gender studies, health and human rights.

Published by Zed Books, Ltd. 7 Cynthia Street, London N1 9JF, UK and Room 400, 175 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10010. Website: <www.zedbooks.demon.co.uk>. 2003, 306 p. ISBN Pb 1-842777-007-1.

Improving People's Lives: Lessons in Empowerment from Asia

Edited by Mukul Sharma

This volume documents powerful lessons in empowerment drawn from the varied experiences of four Asian NGOs engaged respectively in: (i) participatory approaches to rural development (Pakistan); (ii) solutions to the problems of violence against women (Malaysia); (iii) improved conditions for Tamil estate workers (Sri Lanka); and (iv) capacity-building for local and community-based organisations (India). Besides presenting a diverse range of approaches to people's de-

velopment, the book also describes new trends among NGOs working with marginalised groups in Asia.

Narrated by people actively involved with the projects recounted, the contributions look at programmes of rural development, community organisation, women's empowerment and capacity building. The book addresses critical issues such as NGO concerns regarding specific programmes and target groups vis-à-vis the application of fundamental principles; ways where groups can advance within civil society; tools of empowerment; and the clear relationship between NGOs and the state.

The book provides many insights and lessons for NGOs, bureaucrats and administrators dealing with social and rural development, those in multilateral and inter-governmental organisations and funding agencies, and students of development and voluntary action.

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Shaping Globalisation: Civil Society, Cultural Power and Threefolding
By Nicanor Perlas

Civil Society has become a major power in the world. The stunning defeat of the controversial and secretive Multilateral Agreement on Investments, the massive worldwide WTO protests, and the yearly meetings of the World Social Forum are testimony to its coming of age. With tens of millions of citizens and more than a trillion dollars involved in advancing its agenda, civil society now joins the State and the Market as the third key institution shaping globalisation. However, it cannot fully mobilise its resources and power because it lacks a clear understanding of its identity.

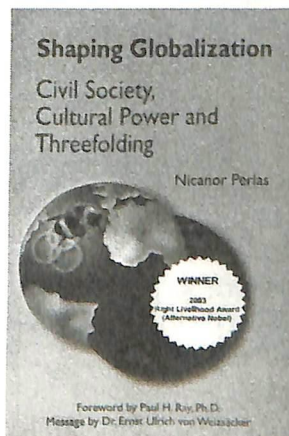
Shaping Globalization argues that global civil society is a cultural institution wielding cul-

tural power, and shows how, through the use of this distinct power, it can advance its agenda in the political and economic realms of society without compromising its identity. The book then outlines the strategic implications for civil society, both locally and globally, and explains that its key task is to inaugurate "threefolding:" the forging, where appropriate, of strategic partnerships between civil society, government, and business.

The threefolding approach to governance shows how all activities in societies emanate from three separate but interacting realms—culture, polity and economy.

According to Perlas, identity builds the values and moral fibre of society, polity strives towards democratic participation and the realisation of justice and equity in society, and the economy ensures that the physical needs of society are met. He emphasises that the task of good governance is to ensure that the activities in the three realms remain healthy for society as a whole.

Authentic tri-sector partnerships, he said, are essential to promoting new modes of national



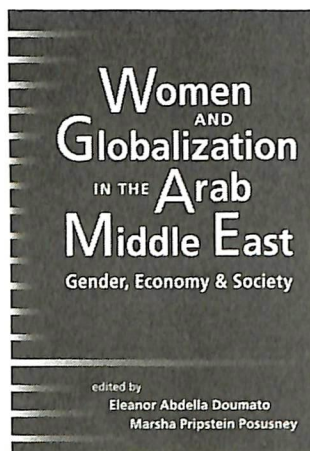
development and consequently, a different, sustainable kind of globalisation. Using the model of The Philippine Agenda 21, the book shows how civil society and progressive individuals and agencies in government and business are demonstrating the effectiveness of this new understanding to ensure that globalisation benefits the poor, societies and nature.

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Women and Globalization in the Arab Middle East: Gender, Economy, and Society

Edited by Eleanor Abdella Doumato and Marsha Pripstein Posusney

Bringing together methodologies from political economy, anthropology and history, the 10 essays in the book provide gendered analyses of the political, cultural and economic life of



women in the Arab Middle East. They explain economic integration and its effect on women, their access to employment, their capacity to engage in community activism, and the shape of gender ideologies that affect every aspect of their lives.

The book begins with regional economic studies, followed by country-specific case studies that address a variety of topics including structural adjustment and women's employment in Egypt; state feminism and economic reform in Tunisia; and militias and home life among Sudanese women.

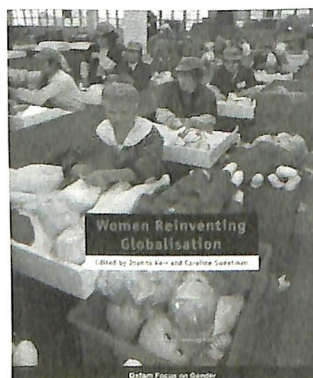
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Women Reinventing Globalisation

Edited by Joanna Kerr and Caroline Sweetman

Women Reinventing Globalisation focuses on one of the most urgent issues facing gender equality work: "How can we reinvent globalisation to further the rights of all women?"

The Association for Women's Rights in Development's International Forum is the largest international summit on gender equality outside of the United Nations system. The AWID Forum provides an unparalleled opportunity to develop strategies, share ideas, build skills and provide support—all to advance gender equality and social justice. At the 2002 Forum in Guadalajara, Mexico, hundreds of leaders, scholars, and practitioners debated the economic, political, social, ecological and cultural implications of globalisation.



They set out to strategise viable alternatives in favour of the poor rather than against them.

Contributors to this volume analyse current approaches to economic and political change, and propose ways of ensuring that their ideas are translated to concrete action in the years to come. The contributors' aim is to re-politicise the gender and development community, and examine work that transforms rather than reacts. This volume provides a platform for a solutions-oriented approach to profound global changes and their effects on the lives of women. It looks at globalisation through women's eyes, engages in thought-provoking debates and finds energising ideas. The articles cover a range of specific issues including maternal mortality and the Millennium Development Goals, the international scourge of AIDS, escalating trafficking and sexual slavery, fundamentalism and its threat to women's human rights, and feminist concerns about new reproductive technologies.

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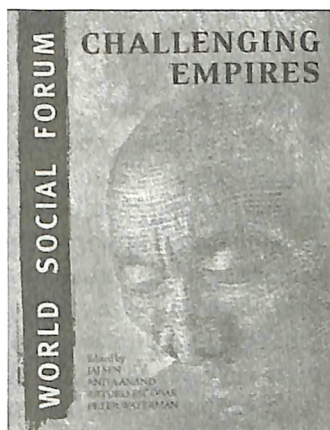
tions>. 2003, 157 p. Pb ISBN 0-85598-492-9.

**World Social Forum:
Challenging Empires**

Edited by Jai Sen, Anita Anand, Arturo Escobar and Peter Waterman

Since it was first held in Porto Alegre, Brazil in 2001, the World Social Forum (WSF), described by Anand as “a transnational exchange among social movements, NGOs and their practices and knowledge of local, national or global social struggle,” has been challenging the hegemony of the neoliberal capitalist paradigm of globalisation and calling for alternatives.

Challenging Empires both celebrates and interrogates the WSF, hoping to “comprehensively portray and analyse the richness and depth of the initiative.” This anthology of essays consists of critiques from international thinkers from the South and the North such as Arundhati Roy, Nikhil Anand, Jeremy Brecher and Nawal el Saadawi. It includes discussions on transnational feminism, global justice, and global and national struggles. The book was formally launched at the



World Social Forum in January 2004 in Mumbai, India. A complete volume is available online as a PDF file at http://www.choike.org/nuevo_eng/informes/1557.html

The publication of the book aims to inform the public about the WSF and enable a process of engagement with the global civil action, referred to by some as the “anti-globalisation movement” or “global justice and solidarity movement” or as the “alternative globalisation.” Another aim is to stimulate more critical engagement with and interrogation of the three dimensions: the form of the political and the political discussion (WSF’s concept of ‘open space’); the question of the renewal of imaginaries and utopias and how to give content to “Another

World is Possible!”; and questions of strategy (including proposals, types of political organising, etc).

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Understanding Globalization

By Tony Schirato and Jen Webb

The text includes a basic, easy-to-read introduction to the discourses, practices and technologies that have been grouped together under the term globalisation. It outlines the historical contexts of globalisation, and addresses the politics of naming central to the

narrative and development of globalisation.

Understanding Globalization examines issues such as technology and changes in the way people experience and understand time/space; the ways in which such changes have influenced capitalism; globalisation as ideology; globalisation as a form of colonialism; the relationship between global forces and state sovereignty; global (in)security and the actualities and possibilities of global governance; the media and the idea of a global ‘public sphere’; and the emergence, throughout the world, of a coalition of forces opposed to different aspects of globalisation.

This book is useful for students taking communication media, cultural studies, sociology, politics and development courses.

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