

Recent Books of Women Studies – January 2008

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Centennial Crossings : Readings on Babaylan Feminism in the Philippines / Edited by
FE B. Mangahas, Jenny R Ilaguno
Quezon City : C & E Publishing Inc, 2006
192p. Includes Index
9715845193

1. Feminism 2. Women History
\$ 10.00

Before Feminism there was babaylanism, a form of women's collective consciousness indigenous to the Philippines. Unfortunately, little is known of the babaylan (Women priest, healer, visionary) and her place in Philippine history.

In this collection of women's writings, babaylanism as the primal source of the Filipina's inner strength and dynamism across centuries is revisited and reviewed from the internal lens of Philippine culture and history.

Negotiating from the Margins : Dynamics of Women's Work in a Globalized Agricultural Economy / Nanette Garcia-Dungo
Quezon City : The University of the Philippines Press, c2007
198p.; 23cm.
9789715425506

1. Women in Agriculture
2. Women in Economic Development
3. Women – Social Conditions
4. Women – Economic Conditions
\$ 14.00

This book examines how the present globalized worksites are opening channels for women to break out from their traditional confinement at home. The book focuses on the women's various responses to their husbands' ambivalent attitude toward their rising participation in productive work.

Contemplating Women in the Philosophy of Edith Stein / Maybelle Marie O. Padua
Manila : Far Eastern University, c2007
Xxiii, 155p. Includes Index
978-971-678025-3

1. Stein, Edith, Saint, 1891-1942
2. Woman (Philosophy)
3. Feminist Theory
\$ 15.00

This book with its over 300 references, is an excellent index on the historical development of the definition and identity of a woman.

Honour Killing and the status of woman in Pakistan / Ghulam Hyder Sindhi
Islamabad : National Institute of Pakistan Studies, Quaid-I-Azam Univcersity, 2007
xii, 212 p. ; 22 cm
Includes Bibliography
969-8023-24-0
\$ 20.00

[The book "Honour Killing and the Status of Woman in Pakistan" is the effort to target the issues relating to violence against woman in Pakistan and to reflect the true picture of Moderate Pakistan in this context.
The book in hand, no doubt, is not the last effort but is capable of facing the questions arising out of the minds of the large variety of people.]

Gender and education in Pakistan / Edited by Rashida Qureshi and Jane F.A. Rarieya
Karachi : Oxford University Press, c2007
xxii, 267 p. ; 22 cm
Includes Index
978-0-19-547376-6
\$ 25.00

[This book is specific to policy, theory and practice of gender and education in Pakistan. This book presents relevant, contextual and researched chapters that examine the different aspects of inter- and intra-play between gender and education in Pakistan. It contains a collection of research-based essays that explore the nature of gendered issues in Pakistan as reflected in educational policies, teachers' lives, classroom practices, educational leadership and educational research. The book makes gender issues in education in Pakistan more visible by illustrating how gender is both a very personal and yet, public issue, and calls for more carefully thought out approaches to dealing with gender disadvantage in the education system.]

Beyond Honour : a historical materialist explanation of honour related violence / Tahira S. Khan
2nd impression (1st edition on 2006)
Karachi : Oxford University Press, c2007
xxiii, 361 p. ; 22 cm
Includes Bibliography and Index
978-0-19-597902-2
\$ 20.00

[The main focus of previous studies on the subject has been on the socio-cultural aspect of honour and its implications for female bodies and sexuality. This study is an attempt to look beyond the cultural notion of honour as the only motive behind gender based violence.
Focusing on honour related violence in the Muslim world, and especially in Pakistan, this study attempts to explain the origin and persistence of the honour code by applying Marx's historical materialist approach.]

The Summit of Women Writers (Face with Introduction) / Edited by Narendra Raj Prasai
Kathmandu : Nai Prakashan, c2007

112 p. ; ill. ; 30 cm.
978-99946-773-6-8
\$ 40.00

Gender Matters : Lessons for Disaster Risk Reduction in South Asia / Manjari Mehta
Kathmandu : International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD),
2007
51 p. ; ill. ; 24 cm.
978-92-9115-024-3
\$ 10.00

Women of Nepal March Forward (Travel Report) / Gabriele and Thomas Beisenkamp
Kathmandu : Jana Shikshya Griha, 2007
174 p. ; ill. ; 21 cm.
\$ 9.00

Status of Women in Political Parties a Research Report
Kathmandu : Jagaran Nepal, 2007
68 p. ; 21 cm.
978-99946-2-844-5
\$ 10.00

Women, Peace and Restructuring : Defining the Public Agenda and Strengthening
Constituencies for Peace and Reform in Nepal / Anju Chhetri Ed. al.
Kathmandu : ASMITA Women's Publishing House, Media and Resource Organization,
2007
iv, 129 p. ; 24 cm.
978-99933-811-6-7
\$ 10.00

Women and land rights in irrigation settlement schemes in Sri Lanka / Camena
Guneratne
Colombo : Centre for Women's Research (CENWOR), 2006
100 p. ; 25 cm
Study Series No. 35, 2006
955-8610-23-2
\$ 15.00

[Contents:

1. Introduction
2. The Legal and Policy Framework relating to Gender Equality
3. The Law and Policy relating to state Land
4. The Socio-historical Context
5. Profile of the Respondents from the Field Data
6. Ownership of the Land in the Settlements
7. Knowledge of the Laws and Procedures relating to Land Settlements
8. Respondents' Views on Inheritance to Land
9. Conclusion and Issues

References

Annex 1- Proceedings of the Workshop held on 26th September 2002
Annex 2- The Land Ownership Bill]

A gender analysis of Tsunami impact : relief, recovery and reconstruction in some districts in Sri Lanka

Colombo : Centre for Women's Research (CENWOR), c2006

iii, 57 p. ; 25 cm

Includes Maps

978-955-8610-26-8

\$ 10.00

Gender, Education and Socialisation / Edited by Swarna Jayaweera

Colombo : Centre for Women's Research (CENWOR), c2007

v, 185 p. ; 23 cm

Includes Bibliography

978-955-8610-27-5

\$ 18.00

Gender and Information and Communication Technology in Sri Lanka : inclusion or exclusion?

Colombo : Centre for Women's Research (CENWOR), c2006

128 p. ; 22 cm

978-9558610-25-1

\$ 10.00

Interrogating the norms : women challenging violence in an adversarial state / Farida Shaheed and Neelam Hussain

Colombo : International Centre for Ethnic Studies (ICES), c2007

148 p. ; 22 cm

978-955-580-116-4

\$ 18.00

[Contents:

Introduction

Chapter 1: Naming Violations and Putting Violence on the Agenda

Contextual Underpinnings of women's Activism:

Laws, Political Constraints and Religious

Challenges

Chapter 2: Breaking the Silence on Violence Against Women: Early Articulations, Strategies and actions

Chapter 3: The Widening Sphere]

Feminist engagements with violence : Contingent moments from Sri Lanka / Nimanthi Perera-Rajasingham...(et al.)

Colombo : International Centre for Ethnic studies, c2007

208 p. ; 21 cm.

978-955-580-115-7

\$ 15.00

[Contents :

Chapter 1 : Freedom, protection and feminist engagements with violence in Sri Lanka / Nimanthi Perera-Rajasingham

Chapter 2 : The re-emergence of Adeline vitharne : The beginnings of a feminist discourse on gender violence in Sri Lanka / Nimanthi Perera-Rajasingham

Chapter 3 : Private battles in Public domains : Going beyond legal terrains / Rizvina Morseth de Alwis

Chapter 4 : Feminist Politics Beyond the law : Poorani as a space for empowerment and resistance / Nimanthi Perera-Rajasingham.]

Rural women in Sri Lanka's post-conflict rural Economy / Leelangi Wanasundera
Sri Lanka : Centre for women's research Sri Lanka & (Food and Agriculture organisation of the United Nations, Bangkok), c2006

vii, 43 p. ; 25 cm.

RAP Publication 2006/13

974-7946-87-4

\$ 10.00

The Chinese Exotic : Modern Diasporic Femininity / Olivia Khoo

Hong Kong : Hong Kong University Press, 2007

Viii, 218p. Includes Index

978-962-209-879-4 (HB) \$ 59.50

978-962-209-889-3 (PB) \$ 24.50

This book examines new representations of diasporic Chinese femininity emerging from Asia Pacific modernities since the late twentieth century. Through an analysis of cultural artefacts such as films, popular fiction, food and fashion cultures, the book challenges the dominant tendency in contemporary cultural politics to define Chinese femininity from a mainland perspective that furthermore equates it with notions of primitivism. Rather the book argues for a radical reconfiguration of the concept of exoticism as a frame for understanding these new representations.

A Maidservant of the Revolution : He Xiangning and the Chinese Feminist Nationalism in the 1920s and the 1930s / Shelly Chan

Hong Kong : Hong Kong Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies, Chinese University of Hong Kong, 2007

30p.

978-962-441-185-0

\$ 5.00
