

Recent Books of Women Studies – February 2008

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Women Prisoners in Custody/ L. Jayasree
New Delhi : Kaveri Books, 2008
Xxvi, 380p. ; 23cm.
9788174790910
\$ 27.00

Situation and rights of women prisoners as a subject have long been neglected by criminologists and sociologists. The lack of concern for women prisoners can also be noticed in various legislations relating to women in custody. Custodial Justice has become important because of the changing economic and social scenario enhanced women's involvement in crimes and increased making it necessary to undertake a critical study of the existing legal provisions, their systematic violation and the ways and means, legally and practically, to plug the loopholes in the treatment of women prisoners at various stages of accusation, conviction and confinement.

This book attempts to study the rights of women under various situations, starting from the time of arrest, police, judicial, mental and social welfare as well as prison custody and the rights presently available to women. The recommendations made by the judiciary and various commissions to the benefic of women in custody are studied and analyzed along with suitable suggestions. This book will be helpful to researchers, social workers and students of legal studies and also those studying the gender based issues, as well as the administrators and policy makers of prisons.

Behind the Veil : Representation of muslim women in Indian writings in English 1950-2000 / Edited by A.R. Kidwai
New Delhi : A.P.H. publishing corporation, c2007
199 p. ; 22 cm.
Includes bibliography and index.
81-313-0150-8
\$ 18.00

[This volume of ten collected articles stands out, at one level, as a contribution to Marginality Studies. Its overarching concern is to identify the main contours of the representation of Muslim woman in post-independence India writings in English (1950-2000). So doing, it examines also whether this representation replicates or modifies the image of Muslim woman as ingrained in Western literary tradition.]

Women and the Built Environment / Edited by Madhavi Desai

New Delhi : Zubaan, an imprint of Kali for Women, c2007
Mary Martin Booksellers
vi, 282 p. : ill. ; 24 cm
978-81-8901-303-5
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81-8901-303-3
\$ 16.00

[One of the first publications to look at gender and the built environment this book examines the role of women as consumers and creators of the built space and focuses particularly on India and parts of South Asia. The essays included here explore the gender perspective from various angles. They cover a wide range of issues such as domesticity and home, women labourers and construction work, the practice of architecture, education in general and in schools of architecture, women and leisure as well as women's relationship to the public sphere and housing in the vernacular mode.]

Deconstructing mental illness : an ethnography of Psychiatry, Women, and the Family / Renu Addlakha
New Delhi : Zubaan, an imprint of Kali for Women, c2008
viii, 330 p. ; 23 cm
978-81-89884-09-3
\$ 17.00

[Deconstructing Mental illness is relevant and contemporary, and makes an important contribution to the field of mental health and women. This important new work extends the frontiers of social science research and offers alternative perspectives on women, health and disability.]

Nuns, Yoginis, Saints, and Singers : women's renunciation in South Asia /
Edited by Meena Khandelwal (et al)
New Delhi : Zubaan, an imprint of Kali for Women, c2007
xii, 375 p. : ill. ; 23 cm
Includes Index
81-89884-34-4
978-81-89884-34-5
\$ 17.00

[The authors consider the hardships endured by women committed to religious paths more commonly taken by man and warn against any easy romanticization of these women's lives. At the same time, the book offers a refreshing antidote to the relentless image of South Asian women as dependent on male kin and defined by their sexual and procreative roles.]

Gender, Matriliney, and Entrepreneurship : the khasis of North-East India /
Tiplut Nongbri
New Delhi : Zubaan, an imprint of Kali for Women, c2008
xiv, 207 p. ; 23 cm
Includes Bibliography
978-81-89013-76-9
\$ 10.00

[This book focuses on the economic activities of Khasi women, a matrilineal tribe in North-East India. As an informal group of the market economy, Khasi women are engaged in diverse forms of income-generating activities, ranging from agriculture and commerce to contractual services in the tertiary sector. However, women's contribution to the economy remains a largely neglected area both in research as well as in policy, not only in North-East India but also nationally and internationally.]

What accounts for this general indifference to the economic role of women is one of the issues addressed in this book]

Empowerment of women in India : social, economic and political / Edited by
V.S. Ganesamurthy
New Delhi : New Century Publications, 2007
978-81-7708-155-8
\$ 17.25

[This book consists of 35 papers authored by scholars working in the area of economic, social and political empowerment of women. The areas touched upon in the book include socio-economic status, women entrepreneurship, women in politics, role of information and communication technology in empowering women, and domestic violence.]

Gender and development in India : dimensions and strategies / Edited by
Himanshu Sekhar Rout and Prasant Kumar Panda
New Delhi : New Century Publications, 2007
978-81-7708-153-4
\$ 15.00

Postmodern feminist writers / W.S. Kottiswari
New Delhi : Sarup and Sons Publishers, 2008
150 p.
Includes Index
81-7625-821-0
\$ 10.00

[The book is divided into five chapters. The first chapter highlights the theoretical frameworks of Postmodernism and Feminism thereby pointing out the various perspectives from which the works of the four novelists would be analysed. Chapter two analyses nine novels by Margaret Atwood, Chapter three takes up six novels by Toni Morrison while Chapter four is devoted to an in-depth analysis of Postmodernism-Feminism nexus in the Indian context and illustrates it through an exploration of two novels and a short story collection by Gita Hariharan and Five novels by Shashi Deshpande. The fifth chapter sums up the conclusion arrived at after a close examination of the fictional corpus of the four novelists taken up for study.]

Gender empowerment and development / Edited by Anil Kumar Thakur
New Delhi : Deep and Deep Publications Pvt. Ltd., 2008
xlviii, 722 p. ; 23 cm
Includes Index
978-81-8450-065-3
\$ 58.75

[The book examines 'gender' from a purely developmental perspective. It looks at the processes involved in the development of gender, addressing sensitive issues and complex questions. Gender has an important role to play in the development of the society. Thus far, the demographic research on gender issues has been relatively less data intensive compound to other disciplines of economic analysis. Available

data suggest that traditional woman's status indicators, such as education, exploitation, employment, etc., are not enough to capture the nuances of gender power relations and the way in which they govern gender behaviors and empowerment. This book highlights these critical issues measuring and analyzing the gender empowerment.]

Situating Indian Women / A.N. Panda
Delhi : Abhijeet Publications, c2008
vi, 386 p. ; 23 cm
Includes Bibliography
978-81-89886-32-5
\$ 22.00

[The present volume is the result of the untiring efforts of some scholarly persons who are genuinely interested in studying and analyzing women issues. It is believed that the articles included in this book will throw some lights on different aspects related to women and be helpful in grasping the problems of women to some extent.]

Women's Participation in Natural Resource Management / Himanshu Bourai
Delhi : Abhijeet Publications, c2008
viii, 190 p. ; 22 cm.
Includes Bibliography and Index.
978-81-88683-31-8
\$ 11.25

Women Marriage in India : Marriage, Divorce and Adjustment / Sudha Sharma
Jaipur : Vital Publications, c2007
viii, 240 p. ; 22 cm.
978-81-904741-0-8
\$ 17.00

[The book gives information about the Indian Women and the marriage institution. The various chapters of the book deals with various stages of married life that is when to get married, what are the essential ingredients for a happy married life. Besides the problems like dowry, divorce and separation have been discussed in the book. Not only this the book gives a comprehensive, view that education, development and changing society helps in the social status of a women. Factual, objective and analytical, the book is highly readable. This book is like a guidance for the women and also for the people working for women welfare.]

Women's rights in India : A feminist perspective / Rekha Roy
New Delhi : Akansha Publishing House, c2006
xii, 203 p. ; 23 cm
Includes Bibliography and Index
81-8370-093-4
\$ 22.00

India's Daughters : Art and identity / Stephen P Huyler
Ahmedabad, India : Mapin Publishing Pvt Ltd., 2008
264 p.
978-81-89995-01-0
\$ 62.50

[India's Daughter: Art and identity profiles 20 women from diverse communities ranging from the rice paddies of far southern India to the tea plantations of the Himalayas and from the dry western deserts to the verdant east coast. They represent every women: the traditional and the contemporary, the repressed and the highly innovative, the outcast and the entrepreneur. In their battles against adversity, their own words express their innate strength. All of these women are connected by a single thread : creative expression. Some view themselves as artists while others would be surprised to be identified in this manner, but each woman creatively embellishes her daily or seasonal life. Indian women are often completely unconscious of their artistry, and it is only recently that they have drawn any attention. India's Daughters is about change in the face of almost impossible odds. Personal initiative that carves out a new identity, and implacable insistence on the recognition of human rights.]

Women Empowerment and Sustainable Development / Anupama Singh
New Delhi :Institute of Integrated Himalayan Studies H.P. University, Shimla
in association with Kanishka Publishers, Distributors, c2008
xv, 119 p. ; 22 cm.
Includes Bibliography and Index.
978-81-8457-019-9
\$ 9.00

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2. Socio-Economic in Himachal Pradesh
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4. Political Empowerment of Rural Women
5. Role of NGOs and Government Agency vis-à-vis: Women Empowerment
6. Conclusion and Recommendations
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Women Empowerment and Challenge of Change / Latika Menon
New Delhi : Kanishka Publishers, Distributors, c2008
279 p. ; 22 cm.
Includes Bibliography and Index.
81-7391-266-1
\$ 15.00

[The Present compilation of materials under the title Women Empowerment and Challenge of Change attempts to furnish the basic parameters of women's development issues in the context of awareness, emancipation social status, sexual liberation and professional achievement. Thus the compilation includes well-written papers, articles, reviews and experts, including documentary substance, and extends over areas of current interest: life, transition and development; women's education and the development effort; women in the corporate world; women, society and empowerment -a study of Japanese social mores; country studies in feminism and gender awareness; women in orthodox communities; gender and feminism-a research framework; sexual exploitation - challenging male attitudes; and a pointed

study on demography and women's development perspective. The publication may be considered as a set of focused readings in this vital area and would be a timely addition to the more significant literature in the discipline.]

Female Infanticide and Child Marriage / Sambodh Goswami

Jaipur : Rawat Publications, 2007

xvi, 408 p. ; 22 cm.

Includes Bibliography and Index.

81-316-0112-9

\$ 20.00

[Female infanticide and child marriage are the twin baneful practices, which have limited the social space and have also contributed greatly to the deterioration of the status of the womenfolk in India in general, and in Rajasthan in particular. This book explores the origin, causes and the prevalence of these two social evils in various castes and regions of Rajasthan. It also highlights the efforts of the various enlightened rulers, individuals and caste/social organizations who worked incessantly for the upliftment of women's position and the abolition of these two nefarious practices in Rajasthan, and thus presents many new startling facts, which were so far hidden or neglected.]

Women and Community Action / Lena Domineli

Revised Second Edition

Jaipur : Rawat Publications, 2007

xv, 255 p. ; 22 cm.

Includes Index.

81-316-0166-8

\$ 17.50

[The author draws on the experiences of women to explore the developments in community work and collective action as well as the reasons for the limited increases in the well-being of women themselves. By linking historical material to the present, Women and Community Action examines the ways in which women organize in order to secure social change to enhance the quality of life at individual and community.]

Female Deficit in India / Edited by G.Ramachandrudu and CH. Appa Rao

Ambala Cantt : The Associated Publishers, c2007

xix, 357 p. ; 21 cm.

81-8429-045-4

\$ 25.00

Women Entrepreneurship and Economic Development / Sanjay Tiwari and Anshuja Tiwari

New Delhi : Sarup and Sons, c2007

xi, 225 p. ; 21 cm.

Includes Index.

81-8625-705-2

\$ 15.00
