Critical Aspects of Gender in Conflict Resolution, Peacebuilding, and Social Movements

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About the Book

This volume of "Research in Social Movements, Conflicts, and Change" investigates gendered aspects of social activism and peacebuilding, an area of research that continues to be undertheorized. Gender cuts across all forms of conflict and all aspects of society politically, economically, and socially. As a basic organizing principle in society, gender roles, relations, and inequalities impact social processes. From a gender perspective, the transformation of society requires investigating the overlapping and intertwined root causes of conflict from the interpersonal to the community and structural level, and the critical role that women play in conflict resolution, peacebuilding, and social movements. With a focus on the agency of grassroots citizens, refugee, indigenous, and ethnic minority women, this volume seeks to bring light to gendered aspects of practice that will assist scholars and practitioners in research and policy development. From reconciliation commissions in Sierra Leone, environmental activists in the Czech Republic, women’s organizations in Burmese refugee camps, women’s work in conflict resolution rituals in Laos, Minutewomen’s e-activism in the United States, to women’s social networks in Uzbekistan, this book explores complex contexts and critical issues central to women’s grassroots activism, peacebuilding, and social movements.