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Retreat or Resurgence?

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Description

Explores and re-analyses major events, debates and themes from the radical developments of the nineteen sixties and relates them to contemporary social movements and issues.

'A vivid and timely account of the most scene changing decade of the last century. The book is required reading for anyone who wants to understand how we are today.' —*Chris Rojek, Professor of Sociology & Culture, Brunel University*

'This edited collection originated in the British Sociological Conference "1968: Impact and Implications"... The engagement is both critical and sympathetic, and this is refreshing in an area where partisan stances are easily adopted. This book establishes that there was no such event as the 1960s, rather there were multiple mediated social, cultural and political responses to the prevailing changes based in both shared concerns and "difference".' —*Ian Welsh, School of Social Sciences, Cardiff University, in 'Social Movement Studies'*

This book's four main aims are to examine: firstly, why movements happened in the socio-historical context of sixties' radicalism; secondly, its distinctive legacy of crucial, cultural, societal and political interconnections; thirdly, continuing links between seminal ideas and movements and socio-political activism today; fourthly little-discussed national instances and divergent impacts of sixties radicalism, in relation to contemporary 'global' social movements. A conclusion traces all these dimensions from current social movements back to sixties radicalism's pioneering upheavals.

Readership: Of interest to students and scholars of social science, including globalisation, political and cultural sociology, twentieth century history and interdisciplinary studies.

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