



Human Rights, Security Politics and Embodiment

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Demonstrates and explains the subordination of international rights to national security through the issue of 'embodiment', the most fundamental of human rights being to protect bodily integrity.

Virtuous institutions, such as human rights ones, have been neglected by securitization theory's focus on the national state apparatus as the key driver of security politics. This book challenges this assumption, showing the ways institutional human rights, deemed the most progressive of rights, have been complicit in rendering the body vulnerable. While the book principally focuses on the treatment of the veiled woman, it also considers wider cases involving torture: the ultimate removal of control over one's body and biggest transgression of human rights' supposed foundational commitment to bodily integrity.

Readership

Scholars, graduate and postgraduate students of human rights, women's rights and security politics. It will also appeal to practitioners of human rights law and human rights NGOs.

Key selling points

- It is intellectually innovative, providing a new angle on securitization theory, one that is transnational in focus.
- It delves into the controversy between governance and post-colonial feminism, which has become especially divisive in relation to covered Muslim women.
- It provides a critique of judicial human rights, challenging their 'virtuous' reputation, considering how they become part of the securitizing apparatus.
- It provides a comparison with the United States where covered women are legally protected while simultaneously finding it difficult to match their contractual rights with their experiences.

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Aneira J. Edmunds is an authority on human rights. She tackles controversial and topical issues relating in particular to human rights' control over the woman's body and the limitations of 'virtuous' institutions such as the ICC and the ECtHR.

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