Gender and war are in many ways inextricably linked, and this path-breaking Handbook systematically examines the major issues surrounding this relationship. Each of its four sections covers a distinct phase of war: gender and opposition to war; gender and the conduct of war; gender and the impact of war; and gender and the aftermath of war. Original contributions from an international group of leading experts make use of a range of historical and contemporary examples to interrogate the multi-faceted connection between gender and war.

The main strength of this Handbook is that it succeeds in reflecting the complexity of the topic. While the title promises a handbook on “gender and war”, the actual content goes much further than that, by addressing not only issues related to gender and war, but also to terrorism, occupation, espionage, anti-war movements and post-war realities. War and conflict studies are inherently interdisciplinary, but such a diverse range of authors’ disciplinary backgrounds is rare even in this field of study. The Handbook on Gender and War is an extremely useful resource which would be highly recommended for students, researchers, policy-makers and activists alike.

– Jennifer Philippa Eggert, University of Warwick, LSE Gender Institute Blog

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– Georgina Holmes, International Feminist Journal of Politics

‘This timely Handbook contains the most comprehensive, interdisciplinary and cutting-edge collection of writings, empirical findings and conceptual ideas about the gendered aspects of war, violence, militarism, security and peace. In the context of exploring the continuum of war in its numerous manifestations, the contributions also further our understanding of the role of masculinities and the relationship between political and sexualized violence. Building on recent feminist theorizing, this impressive collection constitutes an excellent resource not only for researchers and educators, but also policy-makers and activists.’

– Nadje Al-Ali, SOAS University of London, UK

‘Simona Sharoni, Julia Welland, Linda Steiner and Jennifer Pedersen have compiled an extraordinarily rich collection of contemporary texts on gender, conflict, peace and security. The interdisciplinary breadth, together with the combination of theoretical debate and on-the-ground research, make this an eminently readable, engaging and thought-provoking anthology, of great value to academics, activists, policy-makers and practitioners.’

– Henri Myrttinen, International Alert, UK

‘For anyone plunging into the deep and wide waters of thinking and research on the workings of masculinities and femininities in war, this is definitely the place to start. Each contributor is a specialist with detailed knowledge of the complex processes that set the stage for, and perpetuate militarized violence. This volume is also a window on what it takes in gendered political action to create sustainable peace.’

– Cynthia Enloe, Clark University, US
The Handbook on Gender and War is without a doubt a greatly welcomed anthology in the field. While the literature is growing at an increasing pace, the advent of a handbook cements the stature of gender and war as a respectable and independent research area in the academy. Ideal for students and researchers, the book covers a variety of subjects, all written about by leading researchers with great nuance. This includes well-known themes, such as gender and terrorism, gender-based violence in war, feminist antimilitarism, and gender and transitional justice, all building onto the existing scholarship while presenting the topics in a new light. Newer additions are also present, like gendered politics in private military security companies, gender in war reporting, and girl soldiers in demobilisation and reintegration processes. The handbook, therefore, demonstrates that research in gender and war is quickly evolving, and is keeping pace with the new trends in academia.

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