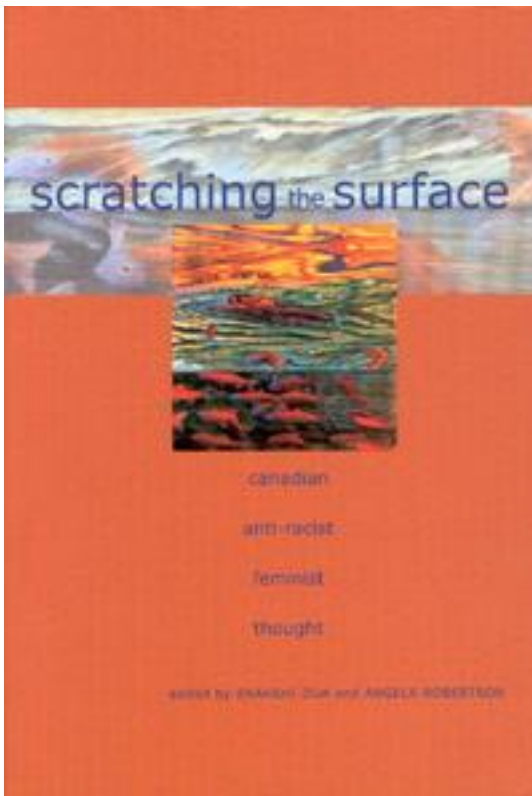


Scratching the Surface

Canadian Anti-Racist Feminist Thought



Scratching the Surface brings together 14 anti-racist feminists who examine ways in which race and gender interact to shape the lives of women of colour in Canada. This collection of articles covers a broad range of topics such as the impact of colonialism and its associated discourses on First Nations and other groups of colonized women; racism in the Canadian labour movement; the impact of globalization on women of colour; the ways in which the institution of the nuclear family shapes racism; sexism in communities of colour; and the ways in which the women's movement can create an anti-racist praxis. The book not only provides exciting new insights into how women of colour experience Canadian society, but also provides instructors with a textbook that integrates anti-racist and feminist approaches.

Author Information

Enakshi Dua
Enakshi Dua is Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology at Queen's University.

Angela Robertson
Angela Robertson is the Executive Director of Sistering, a center for homeless and marginalized women in Toronto.

Reviews

"A significant and long overdue anthology, *Scratching the Surface* reminds us that any analysis of feminist theory must be rooted in the histories of colonialism and imperialism.

Peggy Bristow, Coordinator and Co-Author "We're Rooted Here and They Can't Pull Us Up": Essays in African Canadian Women's History
"This needed collection builds on critical anti-racism scholarship, helps theorize insurgent responses to racialized and gendered discourses of "nation" and "democratic citizenship," and addresses how women of colour negotiate their identities and politics across several historical domains."

George J. Sefa Dei, Sociology of Education, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto

"*Scratching the Surface* represents a much needed, accessible, and original contribution to Canadian feminist thought. It will certainly add to the critical literature on feminism and anti-racism."

Alissa Trotz, Institute of Women's Studies, Queen's University

"*Scratching the Surface* represents a much needed, accessible, and original contribution to Canadian feminist thought. It will certainly add to the critical literature on feminism and anti-racism."—
Alissa Trotz, Institute of Women's Studies, Queen's University

Subjects

Sociology
Sociology
Sociology of Gender and Sexuality
Sociology of Ethnicity, Diversity, and Inequality
Feminist Theory and Politics
Race, Ethnicity, and Marginality
Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies
Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies

336 pages

6 x 9 inches

July 1999

ISBN: 9780889612303

Available at:

To request a review copy:
info@canadianscholars.ca
416-929-2774

Table of Contents

Introduction: Canadian Anti-Racist Feminist Thought: Scratching the Surface of Racism
Enakshi Dua

****Part I: Colonialism and the Historical Construction of Gender****

Chapter One: The Discourse of Empire and the Social Construction of Gender
Linda Carty

Chapter Two: Colonialism and First Nations Women in Canada
Winona Stevenson

****Part II: The Post-Colonial Economy and the Consolidation of Racialized Labour Markets****

Chapter Three: Black Women and Work: The Impact of Racially Constructed Gender Roles on the Sexual Division of Labour
Dionne Brand

Chapter Four: Do You Call Me "Sister"? Women of Colour and the Canadian Labour Movement
Ronnie Joy Leah

Chapter Five: Restructuring at the Margins: Women of Colour and the Changing Economy
Christina Gabriel

****Part III: The Canadian State and the Institutionalization of Race and Gender Relations****

Chapter Six: Self-Government and Aboriginal Women
Sharon Donna McIvor

Chapter Seven: The Politics of Multiculturalism: "Immigrant Women" and the Canadian State
Tania Das Gupta

Chapter Eight: Gender and Race in "Non-discriminatory" Immigration Policies in Canada: 1960s to the Present
Sedef Arat-Koc

****Part IV: The Racialized Construction of Gender****

Chapter Ten: A Question of Silence: Reflections on Violence Against Women in Communities of Colour

_ Himani Bannerji _

****Part V: Canadian Institutions: Reproducing Marginalization****

Chapter Eleven: R.D.S. v. Her Majesty the Queen: A Case About Home

_ Sherene Razack _

Chapter Twelve: Racism, Women's Health, and Reproductive Freedom

_ Carolyn Egan and Linda Gardner _

Chapter Thirteen: Continuing on the Ground: Feminists of Colour Discuss Organizing

_ Angela Robertson _

Index

Related Books

Back to the Drawing Board

Njoki Nathani Wane, Katerina Deliovsky, Erica Lawson

Turbo Chicks

Allyson Mitchell, Lisa Bryn Rundle, Lara Karaian