

# Gender & Development

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*Gender & Development* is the only journal to focus specifically on gender and development issues internationally, and to explore the connections between gender and development initiatives and feminist perspectives. *Gender & Development* draws on Oxfam GB's strength as a leading NGO working to promote gender equality as an end in itself, and an essential prerequisite for poverty eradication, peace and sustainable human development. Since its launch in 1993, the journal has become essential reading for all who share this vision.

*Gender & Development* aims to inform and improve development policy and practice through debating experience, identifying lessons, and advancing new ideas. Contributions are welcome from all involved in development initiatives: policy-makers and practitioners, researchers both inside and outside academia, and feminist activists. In recognition of common causes of poverty and marginalisation across the world, writers focus on both Southern and Northern contexts.

Gender & Development has a constituency which ranges over many disciplines, countries, and levels. We request writers to assist us in our aim of reaching the widest readership possible, while retaining intellectual rigour and factual accuracy, by using a clear, accessible style. Essential specialist and technical terms should be defined, and acronyms explained in full. In this way, complex ideas can be discussed across cultures, classes and constituencies, assisting women and men to empower themselves and determine their own development.

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1. Reviews should be about **800-1000 words** in length (or **1200-1500 words** for a composite review). Please submit Word or text files by email or on disk, keeping the formatting as simple as possible. Please include page references for direct quotations, and avoid references to external material unless essential.
2. At the top of the review, please give full bibliographic details of the book in the following format:  
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