



Call for Chapters

Demeter Press is seeking submissions for an edited collection titled:
Sex Work

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Please submit a 500-word abstract by May 1, 2024. Submissions should be sent to rebecca.hughes@utoronto.ca and melinda.vandenberggiles@utoronto.ca with the subject line "Sex Work."

Overview:

This call for chapters invites contributions from academics, researchers, activists, and sex workers to the upcoming volume, "Sex Work." Contributions are sought that traverse historical, cultural, psychological, economic, technological, and political realms, with an emphasis on people's everyday intimate experiences. This edited collection examines the nature of sex work within a critical feminist framework. It acknowledges the changing dynamics of sex work, with regards to the purchasing of sex work, the advertising of sex work, and the management of the proceeds of sex work.

This volume aims to amplify the voices of sex workers, contributing to nuanced understandings of the complex interplay of sex work, intersectional feminist thought, and capitalism. Sex work and social class is explored, with a focus on the ways in which consumer moral values (e.g., hedonism and narcissism) mediate and shape both monogamous and poly relationships.

Suggested topics (not exhaustive) include:

1. Historical perspectives of sex work; evolution of societal attitudes towards sex work; how sex work has fueled political reform and social change throughout history.
2. Feminist theories and sex work: Feminist theories that highlight the complexities of sex work; how feminist thought informs and is informed by law.
3. Intersectionality and sex work: Intersectionality in relationship to sex work; the unique challenges faced by sex workers.
4. Cultural dynamics of sex workers: How cultural and/or moral norms and values influence the expression and perception of sex work.
5. Technology and sex work: How the technology-mediated exchange of sexual commodities and/or services has changed the nature of sex work.
6. Psychological dimensions of sex work: The psychological aspects of sex work; the emotional/affective toll of sex work on women.
7. Sex work in politics, law, and policy: The legal implications of sex work; the impact of political structures on sex work; how legal activism can protect sex workers.

Submission Guidelines:

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Important Dates:

- Abstract Submission Deadline: May 1, 2024
- Notification of Acceptance: July 1, 2024
- Full Paper Submission Deadline: March 1, 2025 – full chapter, up to 6,500 words double-spaced, 12-point font, MLA citation.