BOOK LAUNCH

On the Significance of Religion in Violence Against Women and Girls

Elisabet Le Roux and Sandra Pertek

Tuesday, 31st January 2023
14:00-15:00 (GMT)
Zoom - Register here.

We are delighted to invite you to an online launch of the book: "On the Significance of Religion in Violence Against Women and Girls" by Elisabet Le Roux from Stellenbosch University and Sandra Pertek from University of Birmingham.

On the Significance of Religion in Violence Against Women and Girls explores two sides of religion: the ways in which it contributes to violence against women and girls (VAWG) and the ways it counters it. Recognising the very real impact of religion on the lives of women and girls, it prioritises experiences and learnings from empirical research and of practitioners, and their activities at grassroots-level, to better understand the nature and root causes of VAWG. Drawing on research done in Christian and Muslim communities in various fragile settings with high religiosity, the volume avoids simplistically assigning blame to any one religion, instead engaging with the commonalities of how religion and religious actors influence norms and behaviours that impact VAWG.

The launch will be chaired by Azza Karam of Religions for Peace. The authors will be joined by three discussants: Virginia Manzitti, Head of Sector, European Commission DEVCO/INTPA; Dora Kiconco Musinguzi, Senior Technical Advisor and Coordination, What Works II and Raising Voices; and Laurelle Mbaradza, Regional GBV Prevention and Social Norms Advisor, Trócaire Zimbabwe.

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