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Queer Migration Politics: Activist Rhetoric And Coalitional Possibilities (Feminist Media Studies)



Synopsis

Delineating an approach to activism at the intersection of queer rights, immigration rights, and social justice, Queer Migration Politics examines a series of "coalitional moments" in which contemporary activists discover and respond to the predominant rhetoric, imagery, and ideologies that signal a sense of national identity. Karma Chávez analyzes how activists use coalition to articulate the shared concerns of queer politics and migration politics, as both populations seek to imagine their ability to belong in various communities and spaces, their relationships to state and regional politics, and their relationships to other people whose lives might be very different from their own. Advocating a politics of the present and drawing from women of color and queer of color theory, this book contends that coalition enables a vital understanding of how queerness and immigration, citizenship and belonging, and inclusion and exclusion are linked. Queer Migration Politics offers activists, queer scholars, feminists, and immigration scholars productive tools for theorizing political efficacy.

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coalition, and radical change. A clear illustration of the latest queer migration politics in the US sociopolitical world."--Gender, Place and Culture Ã "Offers extensive insight into the intersectional aspects and coalitions of queer migrants. . . . This book is an excellent contribution to the study of rhetoric, social movements, queer rights, and immigration politics."--QED "A highly original contribution and is easily one of the most thoughtful books in queer studies I have read in a long time. Chavez's focus on rhetoric provides a unique lens through which to examine how queers, migrants, and queer migrants are intervening in their differential marginalization vis-a-vis nation-states, neoliberal political economy, and presumptions of citizenship as the telos of belonging. By the end of Queer Migration Politics, readers are left with the question of the extent to which queer migrant coalitional politics will expand and transform normative, nation-based LGBTQ and migrant politics."--GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies Ã "With little existing scholarship on coalition building across social movement groups, Chavez provides qualitatively supported evidence for coalitional possibilities at the U.S.-Mexico border. Chavez's research differs from other lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer/question (LGBTQ) and social movement scholarship as it explores uncharted terrain in the collaboration of activist groups while paying particular attention to intersectionality when analyzing the experiences of individuals who are marginalized by virtue of their nationality as well as their sexual orientation. An inspiring read for anyone with an interest in contemporary equality discourses."--Women's Studies in Communication "Timely and prophetic."--Queer Theory Ã

Ã Linking activism in queer politics and immigration

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