Women’s Rights as Multicultural Claims
Reconfiguring Gender and Diversity in Political Philosophy
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Description
The apparent opposition between feminist and multicultural justice is a central problem in contemporary political theory. This book reconfigures feminism in a way that responds to cultural diversity, contending that a discourse of rights can be formulated and that this task is crucial to negotiating a balance between women’s interests and multicultural claims. It uses a number of case studies to work through the arguments including the Hindu practice of widow-immolation; gender-discriminatory Muslim divorce laws; forced marriage in South Asian communities in the UK; the rights of evangelical Christian parents to exempt their children from secular education; and the recent controversy about the rights of Muslim girls to wear the hijab in state schools in France.

This valuable and innovative perspective aims to stimulate debate in a number of areas including human rights and capabilities, toleration, citizenship practices, cultural rights, the ethic of care, communitarianism and the politics of recognition.

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