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# PREFACE

Marta Ochman and Araceli Ortega-Díaz have brought together the chapters in this volume problematizing the idea of women's empowerment as it relates to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 5: Gender Equality. The chapters focus on three continents: Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Using both quantitative and qualitative data analyses, authors deconstruct the part education, fertility, and laws pertaining to marital and conjugal living contribute to women's empowerment on a collectivist or individual basis. They consider the difference between women's female labor force participation in slum and non-slum urban areas, the difference between women's income mobility as a function of their mother's versus their father's status, and the geography of women's homicides within a context of weak government support and strong civil society presence. They find that within a neoliberal economic context, empowerment may satisfy a short-term practical need, but it falls short of women's strategic interest in transformational change.

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