

Call for Book Chapters

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE WORLD

Transcultural Positive Psychology Perspectives

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Esteemed colleagues,

You are cordially invited to submit a chapter abstract for the book project:

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE WORLD

Transcultural Positive Psychology Perspectives

This edited volume focuses on women empowerment for a sustainable future. It takes different cultural and transcultural approaches, as well as positive psychology perspectives into consideration and explores the topic of women empowerment from a diversity perspective.

Since previous research has criticized that most of the research on women (Mayer & May, 2021) and positive psychology perspectives is based on Western, educated, industrialized, rich and democratic samples (WEIRED) (Hendriks et al, 2020; Van Zyl et al., 2021; Rao and Donaldson, 2021), this book focuses in particular on transnational, transcultural perspectives, taking non-WEIRED samples into consideration (Mayer & Barnard, 2015).

The volume addresses women from diverse socio-cultural, political, socio-economic backgrounds and their ways of empowering others in individual relationships, organisations, communities and societies and being empowered through others on micro-, meso-, and macro levels. Thereby, women leadership is one important aspect that is taken into account to empower women across the world (Sueda et al, 2019; Mayer, Surtee & Mahadevan, 2018). One further fundamental assumption in the

book is, that women empowerment is needed to create a sustainable future which contains the demands of safety, peace, ecological considerations, compassionate leadership, creativity and a better world, in particularly post Covid-19 (Mayer & May, 2021; Mayer & Oosthuizen, 2020).

Even though positive psychology is now broadly positioned in terms of its research fields, there is still a lot of catching up to do, particularly with regard to the structural dimension of gender relations and their effects in diverse cultural contexts (f. e. Englar-Carlson and Smart, 2014; Rao and Donaldson, 2021). Although women are often represented as participants in empirical studies in positive psychology, they are clearly underrepresented as first authors, and discourse on women- and gender-specific topics is also rare (Rao and Donaldson, 2021). The concern of this book is therefore, in the context of positive psychology, to direct the research focus on structural conditions and success factors, to bring diversity factors and gender perspectives into the centre, in order to illuminate those aspects that are relevant for the empowerment of women. Special consideration should be given to cultural and transcultural dimensions using a transdisciplinary approach.

The editors and authors provide researchers, lecturers and students with an overview and new insights into scientific work on women empowerment on theoretical, conceptual and practical levels. They thereby take cultural and transcultural aspects into account, as well as positive psychology and resource-orientated concepts, such as salutogenesis, resilience, happiness, coping, fortitude, locus of control, faith- or strengths-based approaches into account.

This volume will provide a broad and at the same time in-depth insight into the topic of the **women empowerment for sustainable futures while including (trans-)cultural and positive psychology perspectives** and provide new insights for researchers, lecturers and practitioners (e.g. psychologists, industrial psychologists, gender researchers, organizational developers, conflict researchers, intercultural researchers, counsellors, educators, social workers, therapists, educators, managers, leaders who else etc.) on how to understand **women empowerment as a transformational (re-)source** in the so far scarcely researched context of women and sustainable and future concepts.

This call for papers invites contributions on many aspects of women empowerment for sustainable futures:

- Women empowerment
- Women in Leadership
- Women in diverse cultural contexts
- Women in Trans(cultural) contexts
- Transforming women's power
- Transcultural and transdisciplinary approaches to women empowerment
- Women empowerment in non-WEIRED samples
- Minority women - from poverty to success
- Women offenders and their empowerment.

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Transdisciplinary and international contributions are encouraged and very welcome, particular from non-WEIRED perspectives.

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