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I am delighted to welcome you to the inaugural issue of the international, peer-reviewed, and interdisciplinary *Journal of Gender, Ethnic, and Cross-Cultural Studies*. Launching this new Journal aims to contribute to the dire necessity of intersectional approach to the issues of women, ethnic and minority communities, and culture and history.

Scholarship on Gender and Women Studies has significantly focused on Western feminism while downplaying different forms of women's activism and agency in the societies of the so-called Third World and subaltern. While the Journal does not restrict itself to the marginalized and understudies communities; it welcomes perspectives and insights into any social, ethnic, national, political and economic group as well as historical period that expands our knowledge and understanding of the diverse ways women take part in society. It pays particular attention to the intersections at which ethnic and national composition, social and political dynamics, cultural approaches, international and globalized context form and inform women's activism.

The Journal is multi- and interdisciplinary. We are committed to publish original and rigorous research in a number of thematic strands including -but not limited to- postcolonial and third world feminism, feminist readings of theology, Islamic feminism, the intersection of women's activism and political movements, cultural constructions of gender, gender in relation to space and identity, women's transformative strategies within and beyond ethnic and religious boundaries, women's experiences of mobility, immigration and diaspora, women issues in war and conflicts, reconceptualizing family and gender, bodies, narratives, and discourses. Challenging academic hierarchies, the Journal dedicates particular space to researchers in the beginning of their careers including undergraduate students. We invite authors across the world to submit articles and book reviews fostering dialogue on the issues of concern.

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