

Doing Feminist Urban Research introduces the reader to the newly emerging 21st-century global landscape of feminist urban research. It showcases decolonising practices, partnerships and teamwork, new standards such as EDI, geo-ethnographic methodologies, software-enhanced qualitative data analysis, and knowledge mobilisation.

This book delves into both the institutional and lived realities of the practice of feminist urban research for the 21st century via the insights of the GenUrb transnational research project. Through reflection exercises based on real-life examples, it covers feminist methodologies and research techniques, critically examining the 'field' through comparison and feminist geo-ethnographies. It guides readers through navigating the politics of decolonising research, working across differences, and embracing feminist ethics and activism. The book also explores data through the practices of translation, data management, data analysis, and the use of NVivo. And it further introduces professional standards, including EDI, collaboration with partners, engagement in teamwork, the handling of crises, such as pandemics, and knowledge mobilisation, including utilising social media. Accompanying web resources will assist scholars and students with additional audio files and documents.

This book's practical guidance will help those starting to contemplate and engage in qualitative feminist urban research as well as those teaching the practice and politics of research. It will appeal to practitioners in urban studies, geography, gender and women's studies, sociology, anthropology, global studies, and development studies.

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