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- how a human rights framework can help explain women's crime, victimization and the criminal justice response,
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This book will be essential reading for those involved in the study of development, human rights, governance, security sector reform, international relations and public health, as debates about these subjects are intrinsically linked to the issues surrounding women, crime and justice. It will also be useful for students taking courses on gender, crime and criminal justice, violence against women, international criminal justice and gender studies.

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Review

'This is a challenging, innovative and comprehensive book; it will be essential reading for everyone interested in gender, crime & criminal justice.' - *Frances Heidensohn, Visiting Professor, Department of Sociology, London School of Economics, UK*

'Employing smartly crafted prose and a sophisticated international, interdisciplinary and feminist lens, Barberet brilliantly "stretches criminology" to examine *Women, Crime, and Criminal Justice* around the globe. This groundbreaking book provides a nuanced analysis of the impact of global socioeconomic forces, gender inequality, international law, and human rights on both violence *against* women and justice *for* women, textured by rich examples from diverse international contexts. This book is essential reading for ALL criminologists!' - *Nancy A. Wonders, Northern Arizona University, USA*

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'This is a thought-provoking, provocative, expansive, refreshing and beautifully crafted book that fills a large gap - the internationalisation of the analysis of Women, Crime and Criminal Justice. Importantly, it also embraces sources and voices from the non-Anglophone world. The book will no doubt reinvigorate debates in criminal justice policy, criminology and feminist criminology. It is essential reading for a wide-ranging audience of policy makers, activists, NGOs and of course scholars, especially, but not only, criminologists and feminists across the globe. I commend it to you.' - *Professor Kerry Carrington, Head of School of Justice, Queensland University of Technology, Australia*

'Ambitious, topical, highly engaging and impressively comprehensive, this book will be of interest to those studying or working in the fields of not only criminology but also violence against women, gender studies, international development, political science, public policy, health, economics and peace and security studies. As Barberet reminds us, looking globally is an ambitious approach but one with exciting potential implications, as success at this level could have a positive effect on girls' and women's lives across the world.'? Jessica Southgate, The Howard League for Penal Reform

'Rosemary Barberet's new book... will excite instructors who have struggled to incorporate global perspectives on women and crime into their graduate and undergraduate courses... *Women, Crime and Criminal Justice* succeeds in presenting a concise overview of an extensive yet understudied field.'? Judith A. Ryder, Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Books (Rutgers University)

"Rosemary Barberet has written a book that illustrates criminology's breadth, its self-awareness about problems of method, and its growing sensitivity to the ways in which national borders inform conceptions of crime and academic studies of crime control. *Women, Crime and Criminal Justice* is a testament to the field's capacity to keep up with the changing shape of state power. It is also a glimpse at what remains to be done as scholars think through the relationship between gender, crime, and globalization." - Emma Kaufman, Yale University, *Theoretical Criminology*

About the Author

Rosemary Barberet is an Associate Professor in the Sociology Department of the John Jay College for Criminal Justice, where she currently directs the Master of Arts degree program in International Crime and Justice. A native of Connecticut, USA who was trained in criminology in the United States (PhD, University of Maryland, 1994), she has spent most of her academic career to date in Europe (Spain and England).

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