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High-Risk Feminism in Colombia

Women's Mobilization in Violent Contexts

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"*High Risk Feminism in Colombia* updates all our frameworks to explain why women mobilize for gender justice in the face of explicit threats making them targets for violence. In Colombia—but with relevance to Afghanistan, Myanmar, Sudan and many other contexts—Zulver shows how feminist identities and frames have evolved well beyond the strategic essentialism of motherhood, empowering current generations to protest."

—Jacqui True, author of *The Political Economy of Violence Against Women*

"*High Risk Feminism in Colombia* is a much-needed contribution to our understanding of why, how, and when women engage in gender justice struggles (feminisms), even in contexts where such visible participation puts them at high risk. This is truly an engaged project and a rigorous academic effort to bring to life the agency of women struggling for gender justice in violent contexts where their lives are threatened."

—María Emma Wills Obregón, Adjunct Professor at the School of Social Sciences, Universidad de Los Andes

High-Risk Feminism in Colombia documents the experiences of grassroots women's organizations that united to demand gender justice during and in the aftermath of Colombia's armed conflict. In doing so, it illustrates a little-studied phenomenon: women whose experiences with violence catalyze them to mobilize and resist as feminists, even in the face of grave danger. Despite a well-established tradition of studying women in war, we tend to focus on their roles as mothers or careers, as peacemakers, or sometimes as revolutionaries. This book explains the gendered underpinnings of why women engage in feminist mobilization, even when this takes place in a 'domain of losses' that exposes them to high levels of risk. It follows four women's organizations who break with traditional gender norms and defy armed groups' social and territorial control, exposing them to retributive punishment. It provides rich evidence to document how women are able to surmount the barriers to mobilization when they frame their actions in terms of resistance, rather than fear.

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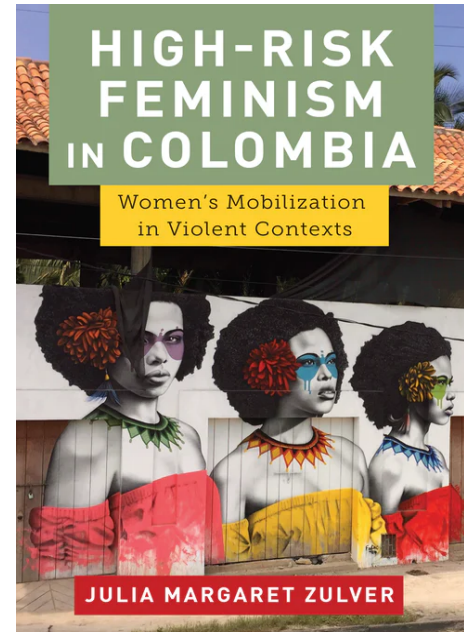
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