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Rachel Benchekroun

Precarious Motherhood: Navigating relationships and support post-migration in the UK

UCL Press

Sophie Bishop

Influencer Creep: How Optimisation, Authenticity and Self-Branding Transform Creative Culture

University of California Press

Saorfhlaithe Burton

Writing Power: Intellectuals, legitimacy, and the making of knowledge

Manchester University Press

Emily Christopher

Couples at Work, Negotiating Paid Employment, Housework and Childcare

Bristol University Press

Ryan Davey

The Personal Life of Debt: Coercion, Subjectivity and Inequality in Britain

Bristol University Press

Richard Gater

The 21st Century Ladz: Continuity and Changes among Marginalised Young Men from the South Wales Valleys

Emerald Publishing

Gemma Lucy Gibson

The Body Positivity Movement: A Story of 'Acceptable' Fatness

Emerald Publishing

Nadia Haq

Journalism and the Muslim Narrative: Power, Resistance and Change

Routledge

Scarlett Harris

Islamophobia, Anti-Racism and the British left

Manchester University Press

Erica Herrera-Rosales

Ambivalent Humanitarianism and Migration Control: Colonial Legacies and the Experiences of Migrants in Mexico

Routledge



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Sally King

Menstrual Myth Busting: The Case of the Hormonal Female

Policy Press

Hua Ma

Becoming Beautiful: Female Beauty and Beauty Practices in Contemporary China

Palgrave Macmillan

Matthew Mahmoudi

Migrants in the Digital Periphery: New Urban Frontiers of Control

University of California Press

Orla Meadhbh Murray

University Audit Cultures and Feminist Praxis: An Institutional Ethnography

Bristol University Press

Ozge Onay

In the Shadow of Islamophobia: Identity and Belonging for British Turks

Routledge

Ran Ren

Trawling Talent: How Elite Professional Service Firms Recruit University Graduates in Transitional China

Routledge

Felipe Santos

Social Movements that Care: Empathy, Solidarity, and Empowerment in the Fight Against Evictions

Palgrave Macmillan

Samuel Singler

Outsourcing Crimmigration Control: Digital Borders, the IOM, and Biometric Statehood

Oxford University Press

Panos Theodoropoulos

The Precarious Migrant Worker: The Socialisation of Precarity

Polity