





Righting the Economy

Towards a People's Recovery from Economic and Environmental Crisis

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REVIEWS

"This stimulating book calls for the disruption of the forces that produce economies that manifestly fail to fulfil human rights and the reassembly of economies that will fulfil these rights, drawing on human rights norms and institutions, and a wide range of innovative ideas about economic alternatives. It offers new thinking for both practitioners and academics and will be indispensable reading for courses on human rights, political economy, and social and economic policy."

— Diane Elson, Emeritus Professor, University of Essex and Chair, Commission on a Gender Equal Economy

"The human rights framework is not fixed or uniform; it is dynamic and designed to adapt in response to the diverse assertions and perceptions of injustice among us as human beings. The contributions to this book push the agenda forward to keep thinking and enabling human rights to effectively address the ever-growing and pressing demands of the current moment."

- Radhika Balakrishnan, Professor of Women's and Gender and Sexuality Studies, Rutgers University

ABOUT THE BOOK

Human rights and economics are not often spoken about in the same breath. Yet increasingly, human rights actors are calling for a shift towards a rights-based or human-rights economy. One that puts the economy truly at the service of communities contending with extreme social and economic inequality, climate catastrophe and corporate abuses.

The economies we live in structure our daily experiences and represent systems which can profoundly affect our ability to enjoy our rights to decent work, adequate healthcare, political participation, freedom from violence and more. This book systematizes academic and practitioners' analyses and experiences, drawing from different epistemologies, literatures and case studies, to flesh out what a rights-based economy would look like, and the tools and actions – economic, legal, environmental and social – needed to get there.

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