

# English Abstract

The book *Intersection of Religion and Gender* brings together the essays of nine scholars from different fields (anthropology, religious studies, theology, and Biblical studies) to create new and critical dialogue between gender studies and the study of religion. This is done through central concepts in feminist theory, including intersectionality, ecofeminism, masculinity, agency, and queer theory. The perspective is primarily theoretical, but in most of the chapters, the more theoretical issues are tied to empirical examples from the writers' own research. The book presents international research and discussions to the Finnish audience. For some time, scholars of religion and gender have questioned the secularist underpinnings of much of feminist theorizing. At the same time, the writers also ask what gender theorizing could offer for the study of religion and gender. It is the first more theoretical book on issues related to gender and religion in Finnish. It can be used as text book in the universities, but it offers fresh perspectives on contemporary discussions on the interplay of religion and gender also for a wider audience. Too often these discussions are simplistic and polarized. The book offers more nuanced and thoughtful ways to socially and politically important relationship between religion and gender issues.