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Although the feminist debate on the ethics of care has demonstrated that philosophical concepts are gender-laden, the relation of care to justice and autonomy is not self-explanatory. Moreover, given its Western context, the normative relevance of the care debate to non-Western feminisms remains problematic. This book addresses this debate and investigates the extent to which notions of justice and autonomy can be reformulated without Eurocentrism from the perspective of care.

In this endeavour, this book maps the shifts in feminist approaches to care from the colonial to the post-colonial periods, taking both interdisciplinarity and intersectionality into account. The book also argues that the feminist debate on care has contributed towards making philosophy’s boundaries with culture and social science more porous.

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