

## Debating Modern Masculinities Change, Continuity, Crisis?

According to social commentators, masculinity is in crisis as a result of profound social transformation. This kind of public discussion of the behaviours of boys and men points to a presumed need for policy intervention to act as a corrective to the apparent crisis in masculinity which presents (young) men as both at risk and also a risk to others. This is counter to recent scholarship that has documented positive changes in the performances and expression of contemporary masculinities. Such academic research has suggested that we are witnessing the emergence of more inclusive masculinities, no longer predicated on homophobia, marginalization or subordination. This edited collection critically interrogates both sets of claims, firstly deconstructing and rejecting the masculinity in crisis discourse, before engaging in an internal debate about the implications of social change upon the identities of contemporary boys and men and for the ways in which we theorise contemporary masculinities.

### Endorsements:

"An excellent collection of chapters critiquing the ongoing commonsense notion ... that there is a crisis of masculinity. The chapters are united in their deconstruction of this notion, presenting instead a range of portraits of modern masculinities ... It will be of interest to students and researchers in a number of different fields, most notably in gender studies and the sociology of youth." - [Charlie Walker, University of Southampton, UK](#)

"Challenging the assumption that masculinity is in crisis by outlining how social change has had a positive impact upon the identity of boys and men, this book presents a wide ranging set of chapters that place contemporary masculinity in a more inclusive, rather than orthodox, state of flux. Educators, researchers and students interested in the changing nature of masculinity will find the book engaging and highly informative with the collection of chapters it contains and the research that has been conducted within them." - [Jamie Cleland, Loughborough University, UK](#)

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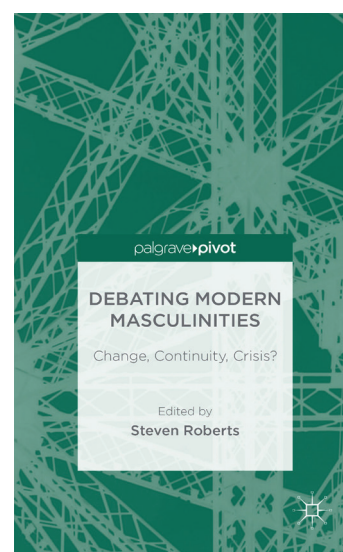
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