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DESCRIPTION

Out in Public addresses, and engages us in, the new and exciting directions in the emerging field of lesbian/gay anthropology. The authors offer a deep conversation about the meaning of sexuality, subjectivity and culture.

• Affirms the importance of recognizing gay and lesbian social issues within the arena of public anthropology

• Explores critical concerns of gay activism in a variety of global settings, from the U.S., the European Union, Singapore, Nigeria, India, Nicaragua, and Guadalajara

• Offers a unique focus on the politics of being gay and lesbian - in cross-cultural perspective

• Deals with broad-ranging issues that affect human sexuality and human rights globally

• Winner of the 2009 Ruth Benedict Prize in the category of “Best Anthology”

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