



## Call for Papers

Demeter Press is seeking submissions for an edited collection on

### Mothering in the Age of Neoliberalism

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The term “neoliberal” has come to define our current global age, yet definitive understandings of what “neoliberal” means remains a contested terrain. In the past three decades, neoliberal economic/social ideology has created a global world governed by free-market principles. The purpose of this edited collection is to explore the meanings and effects of neoliberalism from the perspective of “mothers.” Arising from an inclusive and broad understanding of “mothering,” the intent of the collection is to compile diverse works from an assortment of geographical areas and interests pertaining to mothering and neoliberalism. For the purposes of this volume, neoliberalism is to be understood as a social as well as political/economic ethos whereby the free-market focus has come to infiltrate all aspects of society. The collection will focus on ethnographic (research-based) and theoretical submissions.

#### **Topics can include (but are not limited to):**

Marginalized mothers, mothering and homelessness, mothering and the social welfare state, mothering and childcare, intensive mothering and neoliberalism, mothering and migration, transnational mothering, mothering and capitalism, mothering and maternity leave, mothering and employment, mothering and “working from home,” mothering and individuation, mothering and neoliberal child-rearing practices, neoliberal representations of “mothering,” single mothering, connections between neoliberalism, feminism and mothering, neoliberalism and re-conceptualizing the “nuclear family,” eco-mothering, neoliberal policies and reproductive rights, mothering and the economy, mothering and collective political mobilization, mothering and finance, entrepreneurial mothers, mothering and neoliberal education, neoliberal reconfiguration of public/private dichotomy, mothering and neoliberal discourses of health, gender roles and neoliberalism, mothers as niche markets, mothering and urban living, neoliberal redefining of family/home spatialization, mothers and microcredit, mothering and poverty, mothering and media, mothering in the informal economy, mothering and governmentality, mothering and risk discourse, mothering and transnational spatiality, mothering and Marxism, mothering and NGOs, global neoliberal maternal health discourses, mothering and volunteerism, mothering and the global labour market, effects of privatization and decentralization on mothering, effects of neoliberal structural readjustment on mothering, neoliberalism and reconfigured kinship networks, mothering and globalization, neoliberalism and family law, mothering and social activism, mothering and alternative sustainable economic paradigms.

#### **Submission guidelines:**

Abstracts: 250 words. Please include a 50-word biography (with citizenship information.)

#### **Deadline for abstracts is November 1, 2011**

Please send submissions and inquiries directly to:

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Accepted papers of 4000-5000 words (15-20 pages) will be due July 1, 2012, and should conform to American Anthropological Association style.

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