



WOMEN AND SEX WORK IN CAMBODIA

Blood, sweat and tears

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Prostitution is strongly embedded in local cultural practices in Cambodia. Based on extensive original research, this book explores the nature of prostitution in Cambodia, providing explanations of why the phenomenon is so widely tolerated. It outlines the background of the French colonial period, with its *filles malades*, considers the contemporary legal framework, and analyses the motivations for sex work, examining in particular how women become locked into debt bondage. Overall the book provides significant contributions to wider debates about sex work, sex trafficking and the constrained nature of women's choices.

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Series editor's foreword

The contributions of women to the social, political and economic transformations occurring in the Asian region are legion. Women have served as leaders of nations, communities, workplaces, activist groups and families. Asian women have joined with others to participate in fomenting change at micro and macro levels. They have been both agents and targets of national and international interventions in social policy. In the performance of these myriad roles women have forged new and modern gendered identities that are recognisably global and local. Their experiences are rich, diverse and instructive. The books in this series testify to the central role women play in creating the new Asia and re-creating Asian womanhood. Moreover, these books reveal the resilience and inventiveness of women around the Asian region in the face of entrenched and evolving patriarchal social norms.

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List of abbreviations

100% CUP	100% Condom Use Program
AFESIP	<i>Agir Pour les Femmes en Situation Précaire</i> (Acting for Women in Distressing Circumstances)
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
ANC	<i>Archives Nationales du Cambodge</i> (National Archives of Cambodia)
APNSW	Asia Pacific Network of Sex Workers
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
BSS	Behavioral Sentinel Survey
CPK	Communist Party of Kampuchea
CPP	Cambodian People's Party
CPU	Cambodian Prostitutes Union
CUMEC	Condom Use Monitoring Evaluation Committee
CUWG	Condom Use Working Group
CWDA	Cambodian Women's Development Association
DK	Democratic Kampuchea
EPZ	Export Processing Zone
FUNCINPEC	<i>Front Uni National pour un Cambodge Indépendant, Neutre, Pacifique, et Coopératif</i> (National United Front for an Independent, Neutral, Peaceful and Cooperative Cambodia)
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HSS	HIV Sentinel Survey
INGO	International Non-Government Organization
KR	Khmer Rouge
MSM	Men-who-have-sex-with-men
NCHADS	National Center for HIV/AIDS, Dermatology and STD
NGO	Non-Government Organization
PRK	People's Republic of Kampuchea
PSI	Population Services International
RGC	Royal Government of Cambodia
RSC	<i>Fonds de la Résidence Supérieure du Cambodge</i> (Resident Superior Collection)
SOC	State of Cambodia

SRN	<i>Sangkum Reastr Niyum</i> (People's Socialist Community)
STI	Sexually Transmitted Infection
TIP	Trafficking In Persons
TVPA	Trafficking Victims Protection Act
UN	United Nations
UNAIDS	Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNTAC	United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
WNU	Women's Network for Unity
WHO	World Health Organization
WTO	World Trade Organization