



Trans(formations) and Tenderness: Rhetorics and Resources to Support Transgender Youth in the US

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This course reading...

- Equips adults and allies to effectively support young transgender people.
- Explores and unpacks the harmful rhetoric that surrounds issues of gender identity.
- Approaches the topic from an attitude of tenderness towards the human beings at the centre of the "issue".
- Is crucial reading for parents, teachers, social workers, clinicians, and care workers in practice and in training.
- Is of interest to students of Queer and LGBT+ Studies, Child Development and Family Studies, Social Work Studies, Sociology, Women's Studies, Gender Studies, Cultural Anthropology, and related courses.

How can adults and allies most effectively support transgender young people, especially amongst the harmful rhetoric surrounding issues of gender identity?

Being an adolescent comes with challenges regardless, but for young trans people, gender dysphoria, transition, and political grandstanding can create additional obstacles to their quality of life. In *Trans(formations) and Tenderness*, professor and child advocate **Prathim-Maya Dora-Laskey** unpacks the most common harmful rhetoric that we might encounter about gender identity, and how to counter it. Written with the tenet of tenderness for human beings at its core, this book explores the three key spaces that can be formative for transgender youth – family, school, and community – to equip the reader with resources to provide effective – and tender – support for the young people they care for.

Vital reading for parents, teachers, social workers, clinicians, and care providers in practice and in training, this book will also be of interest to higher education students and scholars of Queer Studies, Child Development courses, Social Work Studies, Sociology, Women's Studies, Gender Studies, Cultural Anthropology, and related courses.

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