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"One of the most appreciated virtues of civil society is its ability to frame old or neglected issues in innovative ways. Olesen’s edited volume provides an important contribution to this debate on transnational activism. Contrasting civil society capacity to frame new discursive opportunity structures at the international level to the resilient ability of the state to exert restraining power at the national level, the book opens up new avenues to understand the power of civil society actors together with its limits."

Raffaele Marchetti, Lecturer of International Relations, Department of Political Science, LUISS and University of Naples L’Orientale.

"Here is a valuable collection in which top-rate thinkers offer diverse assessments of the place of transnational counter-publics in contemporary politics. It is an important question, and the book offers novel and interesting answers."

Jan Aart Scholte, University of Warwick.

This book focuses on global activism and uses a power perspective to provide an in-depth and coherent analysis of both the possibilities and limitations of global activism.

Bringing together scholars from IR, sociology, and political science, Power and Transnational Activism offers new and critical insights on global activism and power. It features case studies on the following social and political issues: China and Tibet, HIV/AIDS, climate change, child labour, the WTO, women and the United Nations, the global public sphere, regional integration, national power, world social forums, policing, media power and global civil society. This volume provides a balanced and critical discussion of strengths and weaknesses, opportunities and limits, in transnational activism. Addressing power from a plurality of theoretical perspectives within IR and political sociology, the analysis provides vital reflections on the understanding of activism and the understanding of the current globalization process and its challenges.

Exploring the scope and limits of transnational activist power in the era of globalization, this book will be of interest to students and scholars of globalization, global sociology and international politics.

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