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Description: Drawing on global research, this book argues that processes of professionalization form an integral part of the production of neoliberal spaces, with profound implications for political activism. It brings together original research from diverse contexts, including studies conducted in the Global South and the Global North, in order to enable key features of neoliberalisation to be understood more fully.

The book brings into focus tensions and connections between activism and processes of professionalisation in relation to neoliberalism. It illuminates links between the context of neoliberal restructuring and the ways in which professionalisation involves processes of representation, negotiation and embodiment as activism feeds into scale-up policy-making. In doing so, it elaborates how the spaces of neoliberalism are worked in two related senses: namely how neoliberalisation incorporates, co-opts, constrains and depletes activism; and how professional subjects inhabit and sometimes subvert the opportunities neoliberalisation opens up.

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