Before the 1980s, women were written out of much of European political science, largely wilfully, on the grounds they had no separate or different political life from men. Joni Lovenduski was one of the feminists who attempted to change the perception that women were political minors, providing evidence of their attitudes and participation as well as rethinking the discipline to accommodate gender relations. This book is a collection of some of the essays that attempted to correct that bias, and includes new introductory and concluding essays that reflect on what has changed in the course of the years.

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