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The articles in this reprint give an informed impression of the variety of topics that are being discussed in the field of diaconia and Christian social practice today. The reprint serves as an introduction to the widening worldwide development of the field by presenting sixteen contributions from various parts of the world. In addition, the extensive editorial provides a broad synthesis of topical issues and themes that emanated from the collective contribution of articles and situates this analysis in the framework of diaconia and Christian social practice as an expanding international field. The impressive list of topics presented by the various contributions extends from a concern with transformative practice in relation to contemporary ecological, social, interfaith and decolonial challenges to the ongoing development of rights- and community-based professional diaconal and Christian social services and their peculiar challenges when confronted with present-day market pressures and the quest for value-based leadership. Other contributions explore the connection between art and diaconia, as well as the political environment of Christian welfare work with reference to the concept of shame. The role of theology is identified as a possible common denominator across the contributions.



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