



The Healthcare Community and Australian Immigration Detention The Case for Non-Violent Resistance

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Overview

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- Uniquely proposes a theoretically coherent alternative to 'traditional' advocacy, which until now has primarily involved research and witness reports
- Moves beyond descriptive accounts of the harm perpetuated by immigration detention toward advancing a justified normative argument as to why members of the healthcare professions should engage in more active forms of non-violent resistance
- Responds to global issues of critical international importance, as the crisis in displaced people escalates and moral quandaries about how to respond ethically proliferate

About this book

Australia has one of the harshest immigration detention regimes in the world, labelled cruel and degrading and a crime against humanity; these policies have been widely condemned. This book calls for a shift in how the healthcare community approaches Australian immigration detention, calling for non-violent resistance to be incorporated in future efforts that seek change. Fundamentally, such an approach recognizes that if change is to be realized a shift is needed beyond evidence and reasoned argument; future efforts need to confront injustice, resisting and undermining what creates and sustains these policies. This book provides a rationale for such action and considers the justification of three

different 'types' of action in detail; strike action, whistleblowing and principles disobedience.