The Kurdish Women’s Freedom Movement
Gender, Body Politics and Militant Femininities

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‘The highly original and bold ethnography by Isabel Käser sheds new light on the evolution of the Kurdish conflict and allows us to understand the complexity of gender-based emancipatory projects emerging in a Near East under fire.’
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‘With great analytic care and sensibility, Isabel Käser depicts the contradictions and challenges, aspirations and imaginaries that mark the lives of the women at the forefront of the Kurdish liberation movement. Her remarkable book challenges us to rethink what freedom might mean – and how it can be achieved.’
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Despite international focus on Kurdish women revolutionaries, little is known about who these women are, where they came from and what keeps them engaged in this costly fight. This book traces the history, ideology, and everyday practices of women in the political, activist and armed branches of the Kurdish Freedom Movement.

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