Between Religious Patriarchy and Secular Feminism: Women of Faith and the Struggle for Peace

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Her new edited volume, “Women, Religion, and Peacebuilding: Illuminating the Unseen,” examines the obstacles and opportunities women religious peacebuilders face as they navigate both the complex conflicts they are seeking to resolve and the power dynamics in the institutions they must deal with in order to accomplish their goals.

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