

1. Record Nr.	UNINA9910456294203321
Autore	McKeen Wendy <1954->
Titolo	Money in their own name : the feminist voice in poverty debate in Canada, 1970-1995 // Wendy McKeen
Pubbl/distr/stampa	Toronto, [Ontario] ; ; Buffalo, [New York] ; ; London, [England] : , : University of Toronto Press, , 2004 ©2004
ISBN	1-4426-7732-5
Edizione	[2nd ed.]
Descrizione fisica	1 online resource (521 p.)
Collana	Studies in Comparative Political Economy and Public Policy ; ; 19
Disciplina	362.83561097109045
Soggetti	Women - Government policy - Canada - History - 20th century Women - Canada - Economic conditions Poverty - Canada - History - 20th century Feminism - Canada - Feminism - 20th century Electronic books. Canada Social policy
Lingua di pubblicazione	Inglese
Formato	Materiale a stampa
Livello bibliografico	Monografia
Note generali	Description based upon print version of record.
Nota di bibliografia	Includes bibliographical references and index.
Nota di contenuto	Frontmatter -- Contents -- Introduction -- 1. Solutions for Women-Friendly Social Policy: The Radical Potential of Individualized Entitlement -- 2. Understanding How the Interests of New Political Actors Are Shaped: Discourse, Agency, and 'Policy Community' -- 3. The Mainstream Poverty Debate in the 1960s and the Emergence of a Feminist Alternative -- 4. Feminism, Poverty Discourse, and the Child Benefits Debate of the Mid- to Late 1970s: 'Writing Women In' -- 5. Feminism and the Tory Child Benefits Debate of the Early to Mid-1980s: Money in Their Own Name? -- 6. Feminism and Child Poverty Discourse in the Late 1980s to Mid-1990s: 'Writing Women Out' -- 7. Conclusions: Implications for Current Struggles for Women-Friendly Social Policy -- Appendix: List of Interviews -- Notes -- References -- Index
Sommario/riassunto	In Money In Their Own Name, Wendy McKeen examines the relationship between gender and social policy in Canada from the 1970s to the 1990s. She provides a detailed historical account of the shaping of

feminist politics within the field of federal child benefits programs in Canada, and explores the critical issue of why feminists' vision of the 'social individual' failed to flourish. Canadian social policy, as in most western welfare states, has established women's access to social benefits on the basis of their status as wives or mothers, not individuals in their own right. In her analysis, McKeen underscores this persistent familialism that has been written and rewritten into Canadian social policy thereby denying women's autonomy as independent claims-makers on the state. She further demonstrates the lack of contest by the women's movement toward this dependent status, and the consequent erasure of women from social policy. McKeen effectively weaves together sociological theory with substantive examples from political discourse. She uncovers overlooked aspects of Canadian social policy politics and subsequently extends our understanding of politics and political change. At the same time, by synthesizing the concepts of discourse, agency, and policy community, she offers a new analytical tool for approaching the shaping of political interests.

---