



## Human Rights in the Maya Region: Global Politics, Cultural Contentions, and Moral Engagements

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Duke University Press. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Human Rights in the Maya Region: Global Politics, Cultural Contentions, and Moral Engagements, Pedro Pitarch, Shannon Speed, Xochitl Leyva Solano, In recent years Latin American indigenous groups have regularly deployed the discourse of human rights to legitimate their positions and pursue their goals. Perhaps nowhere is this more evident than in the Maya region of Chiapas and Guatemala, where in the last two decades indigenous social movements have been engaged in ongoing negotiations with the state, and the presence of multinational actors has brought human rights to increased prominence. In this volume, scholars and activists examine the role of human rights in the ways that states relate to their populations, analyze conceptualizations and appropriations of human rights by Mayans in specific localities, and explore the relationship between the individualist and "universal" tenets of Western-derived human rights concepts and various Mayan cultural understandings and political subjectivities. The collection includes a reflection on the effects of truth-finding and documenting particular human rights abuses, a look at how Catholic social teaching validates the human rights claims advanced by indigenous members of a diocese in Chiapas, and several analyses of the limitations of human rights...



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