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## Book Forum: Saida Hodžić's *The Twilight of Cutting: African Activism and Life After NGOs*

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Saida Hodžić's [The Twilight of Cutting: African Activism and Life after NGOs](#) (University of California Press, 2017) illuminates the myriad state and non-state actors collaborating on

*campaigns against “Female Genital Mutilation” (FGM) in Ghana, where genital cutting was already on the decline. From a uniquely multi-scalar perspective, Hodži? reveals how cutting emerged as a problem to be shared by African activists, Ghanaian communities, western feminists, cut women, anthropologists, and many others. The following commentaries respond to different features of and arguments in Hodži?’s exciting book, which won the [Michelle Z. Rosaldo Book Prize](#) from the Association for Feminist Anthropology and the [Amaury Talbot Prize for African Anthropology](#) from the Royal Anthropological Institute. We hope you enjoy!*

*A note on terminology: throughout the book forum you will find the terms “cutting,” “female genital mutilation” (FGM), and “female genital cutting” (FGC). Our contributors use these terms differentially.*

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