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I believe that the tool to fix attitudes is knowledge, and that this must include multiple cultural, political and economic perspectives and an understanding of the affect of diverse perspectives on the evolution of contemporary jewelry as a discipline and as a discourse. Skinner and other contributors examine the reaction of practitioners from often overlooked regions like Australasia and Southern Africa, areas and populations with different craft traditions from the often Eurocentric discussion of the principles of the New Jewelry Movement, while addressing social developments like body modification in postmodern societies and the political challenge to contemporary jewelry."

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