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Call for Contributions

for Edited Volume

on

“Socio-Legal Androcentrism and Gender Inequalities”

Centre for Women & Law, National Law University Odisha proposes to bring out an edited volume with a multidisciplinary approach on **“Socio-legal Androcentrism and Gender Inequalities”**.

Objective of the proposed book is to contribute in the dismantling of the metanarrative of patriarchy which relegates women to the ‘second sex’ and hinges her existence relative to the men.

Androcentrism and metanarrative of patriarchy has traditionally influenced and shaped social behaviours, norms and cultural outlook. The same influence is also present in many legal frameworks and policies. And in numerous situations, law and state policies cement the patriarchal and androcentric notions. Law can be an instrument of social transformation or a reason for social stagnation. There is an urgent need to modify laws to make them gender just following the letter and spirit of Indian constitution and universal human rights values.

However, framing of law alone cannot guarantee equality unless certain social, cultural and behavioural changes are internalised by the society as a whole. Therefore, the proposed book aims at countering both social and legal androcentrism which perpetuate gender inequalities in our society in the name of law, customs, traditions or religion.

We live in a predominately patriarchal society characterized by strong and all-too-familiar inequalities on the basis of gender in the realms of work, wages, use of space and time, social

recognition, power, etc. Such unequal treatment has led to a widespread devaluation of the activities traditionally carried out by women, as well as of their mentalities, relationship types and bodies. In short, the simple fact of being a woman has been devalued. Patriarchal devaluation of “womanhood” does not mean that the latter has no intrinsic worth, of course. On the contrary, we must recover value of womanhood if we are to dismantle patriarchy.

The reduction or total elimination of the existing inequalities between men and women, which largely drives the politics of equality or reconciliation, can be described as “equality in a masculine mode.” The aim is to obtain equal rights for both men and women without, however, seeking to alter the dominant socio-political model. Thus, women are encouraged to achieve parity with men in terms of their participation in society and the workplace, their use of public space, their responsibilities, positions of power, etcetera; in other words, they are encouraged to occupy the social spaces traditionally reserved for men, and to enjoy the status and recognition associated with those spaces. The idea is for women to gradually integrate into the existing androcentric model by participating more and more actively in the public world, without truly transforming the model itself. For a section of the female population, this situation might possibly result in a better quality of life and improved rights vis-à-vis the male population.

Many recent judgements of the Apex Court have also highlighted inherent androcentrism of Indian social norms which is also reflected in law. Accordingly it's a transdisciplinary area, which has been revived with judgements like *Joseph Shine* (2018 SC), *Shakti Vahini* (2018 SC), *Shafin Jahan* (2018 SC) etc.

Themes

Given themes are suggestive in nature, and authors can go beyond them.

1. *Patriarchal metanarrative and Gender Inequalities*
2. *Epistemology of Gender*
3. *Modernism, Post-modernism and Gender*
4. *Third and Fourth Wave of Feminism*
5. *Gender stereotypes and its impact on socio-legal perception of Gender*
6. *Law and Gender Inequalities*
7. *Customary practices and Gender discrimination*
8. *Religious Personal Law and Gender discrimination*

9. *Religion, Culture and Gender*
10. *Women Empowerment*
11. *Gender and Constitutional Claims*
12. *Matrimonial Laws and Gender claims*
13. *Property/succession law and gender concerns*
14. *Law and Sexuality*
15. *Labour laws and Gender*
16. *Law and the third gender*
17. *Gender concerns and LGBTQIA*
18. *Criminal law and gender*
19. *Politics of gender*
20. *Minority rights and gender*

About the Centre:

The Centre for Women & Law is a research centre of National Law University Odisha. The Centre works with the combined effort of faculty members - Prof. (Dr.) Rita Ray, Prof. (Dr.) A. Aruna Sree Lakshmi, Dr. Suman Dash Bhattamishra, Dr. Owais Hasan Khan, Dr. Priyanka Anand and students of NLUO.

The Centre has been established with the goal of promoting and encouraging research, new ideas, views, approaches, discussions and disseminating high-quality literature on issues concerning 'women and law'. The Centre has been constantly engaged in research in the field of women & law. The Centre has previously published an edited book on '*Socio-Legal Status of Unwed Mothers: Issues, Challenges and Way Ahead*' in collaboration with Satyam Law International. The Edited Volume aims to play a constructive role in shaping discussions in the subject-area of Socio-Legal study of gender issues and encourage views and debate on related issues of vital importance.

Submission Procedure:

Academicians, practitioners, research scholars and post-graduation/M.Phil students having expertise/interest in the given area/themes are invited to submit original unpublished paper on or before **30-06-2020** to cwl@nluo.ac.in. [Please note that submissions from undergraduate students will not be accepted or acknowledged].

Length of the paper should normally be between 4500 to 7500 words and an abstract of 200-300 words should also be sent along with the paper.

The author(s) is/are required to attach a Cover Letter containing all personal details (Name of the author(s), their degrees, Designation, Name of Institution/ Organisation that they are associated with in separate document with the entry.

All submissions must be attached with the email in Microsoft Word (.doc/.docx) format at cwl@nluo.ac.in.

The title of the attached file must specify the name(s) of the author(s).

Submission Guidelines

Only original papers will be accepted for publication. Revised version of papers that was published earlier will not be accepted. The book will be published by Centre for Women & Law, NLUO.

Copyright will be with Centre for Women & Law, NLUO and the authors will have to sign a Declaration of Originality and Transfer of Copyright Agreement. With regard to the selection of papers, the decision of Editors would be final.

Each author is restricted to one entry. Authors must strictly adhere to guidelines, failing which their submissions may not be considered.

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Last Date for Submission	30-06-2020
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Editors:

The editors of the book are Dr. Owais Hasan Khan and Dr. Priyanka Anand. Dr. Owais Hasan Khan and Dr. Priyanka Anand are faculty members of National Law University Odisha and are associated with the Centre for Women & Law.

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