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## Family Law at the Crossroads: Tradition, Reform, and Constitutional Morality

### **About the Book:**

This edited volume explores the evolving dimensions of family law in India and beyond, at the intersection of tradition, reform, and constitutional values. It critically examines how existing legal frameworks respond to shifting family dynamics, gender roles, and human rights. The book invites interdisciplinary insights into how law can adapt to diverse familial realities in a globalizing world.

### **Themes (only Indicative):**

#### **I. Tradition and Continuity: History, Customs, Personal Laws**

Family laws have historically evolved from customs and religious scriptures.

Contributions can examine:

- The persistence of customary practices in modern personal laws;
- Codification of religious doctrines (e.g., Hindu Marriage Act, Muslim Personal Law);
- Role of courts in preserving or challenging traditions;
- Gender biases in Inheritance, Guardianship, and Marriage Norms;

This section critically evaluates the legal pluralism that allows for religious personal laws, questioning its compatibility with gender justice and constitutional ideals.

#### **II. Reform and Resistance: Uniform Civil Code, Triple Talaq, Child Marriage**

Legal reforms—especially those driven by constitutional morality—often meet with resistance. This theme explores:

- The political and legal discourse around UCC;
- Abolition of triple talaq: legislative and judicial interventions;
- Resistance to raising minimum age of marriage;

- Reform debates within different religious communities;

Chapters may assess whether legal reforms have substantively improved women's rights or merely altered procedural access to justice. The pushback from religious bodies and socio-political implications are key focal points.

### **III. Constitutional Morality: Articles 14, 15, 21, 25 and key judgment**

This theme evaluates how constitutional values of equality, liberty, dignity, and non-discrimination shape family law. Focus areas include:

- The conflict between religious freedom (Article 25) and gender justice;
- Judicial use of constitutional morality to strike down patriarchal laws;
- Inter-sectional impacts on caste, class, religion, and gender;

Explores the trans-formative potential of constitutional morality in reshaping personal laws to align with principles of dignity, autonomy, and substantive equality.

### **IV. Contemporary Issues: LGBTQIA+ rights, digital divorces, surrogacy**

Family structures are diversifying beyond hetero-normative paradigms;

- Recognition of queer and transgender partnerships;
- Regulation and ethics of surrogacy;
- Challenges in digital divorce and e-filing in family disputes;
- Legal vacuum around live-in relationships and caregiving contracts;

This theme examines how law must respond to evolving family models and critiques the state's delay or reluctance in legally recognizing non-traditional families.

### **V. Comparative Perspectives: Family law in other pluralistic societies**

Understanding how similar societies have dealt with pluralism, reform, and equality in family law can help contextualize Indian reforms. Topics may include:

- Role of customary law in African nations;
- Quebec's civil code model and lessons for UCC;
- Islamic family law in secular states;

Encourages comparative legal research to evaluate whether best practices abroad can be localized to Indian socio-legal realities.

## VI. Family Law, Technology, and Access to Justice

AI in family dispute resolution, online mediation, digitized maintenance and custody claims. With increasing digitization, contributors can explore:

- Technology in enabling or disabling access to family justice;
- The impact of digital tools on women's access to legal remedies;
- Legal framework for data protection in family law proceedings;

This segment critically assesses whether technology bridges or deepens access divides and highlights regulatory reforms needed for inclusive digital justice.

## VII. Intersectionality and Family Law: Caste, Disability, Religion, Region & Sexuality

Family laws often overlook how overlapping identities affect legal outcomes. Contributions may cover:

- Discriminatory practices in marriage and inheritance among Dalit women;
- Rights of persons with disabilities in marriage and parenthood;
- Family rights in tribal and indigenous communities;

This section invites an intersectional lens, asking how structural inequalities shape access to family rights, especially for marginalized groups.

### Submission Guidelines:

- ◇ Abstract: 350 words
- ◇ Full Chapter: 5000–7000 words
- ◇ Format: Times New Roman, 12 pt, 1.5 spacing, JILI footnotes
- ◇ Original, unpublished content only
- ◇ Co-authorship allowed (Max. 2 authors)

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