

INSTITUTE OF LAW NIRMA UNIVERSITY

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**SHASTRI
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PRESENTS A LECTURE SERIES ON

**Engendering
Laws: Status
and
Challenges**

Concept Note

The 'Engendering Laws: Status and Challenges' lecture series is a pioneering initiative addressing the unexplored intersection of laws and gender, focusing on a comparative analysis of India and Canada. It serves as a platform for diverse specialists, policymakers, and stakeholders to engage in constructive dialogue on the complexities of engendering laws globally. Emphasizing universal values such as dignity, equality, and liberty, the series aims to articulate perspectives on the application of these values through legal frameworks. Recognizing law's significant influence on society, the series explores the role of codification in creating efficient legal policies and upholding various rights. By delving into the dynamics of laws, gender, and societal values, the series seeks to contribute insightful perspectives and remedial insights to this relatively uncharted academic domain.

OBJECTIVE

While laws are ideally tools for social development, change, and establishing modern universal values and rights between different genders (male, female, and third gender), the lecture series positions law against the larger context of patriarchy and other forms of social inequalities, to examine whether engendering becomes an enabling process. It is important to investigate how 'gender' as a construct with reference to legalities upholds rights, values, personhood, and products by unfolding codification of law/s.

To map status and develop deeper understanding on engendering laws, by exploring how patriarchal norms and practices impact the conceptualization, production, implementation, and impact of laws in India and Canada; and

To explore through comparative-socio-legal- historical perspectives, with reference to India and Canada, how implementation of policies and enforcement of laws lead to creating gender-sensitive and inclusive spaces.



AREAS OF LAW AND LECTURERS

The following four areas of law will be covered through lectures (one each presenter for a sub-theme, from Canada and India).

Each lecture will cover the following aspects:

- (a) Concept and Conception of engendering;
- (b) Recognition and Guarantee for-Values, Rights, Just Distribution of Power, Equity, Personhood;
- (c) Response and Accommodation in Laws;
- (d) Making engendering effective, identifying gaps, recommendations for change.

OUTCOMES

To engage and enable the academicians and other stakeholders to evolve a theoretical as well as practical base on the issue of engendering laws.

To identify and build up components of a policy brief/set of guidelines for engendering the legal regime, including existing legislations, their enforcement mechanisms, and a set of recommendations for future action.



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THEME – FAMILY LAW

1. Ms. Flavia Agnes,
Senior Advocate,
Supreme Court of India and
Founder, Majlis India



2. Mr. John-Paul Boyd
Principal, John-Paul Boyd
Arbitration Chambers
Former Executive Director,
Canadian Research Institute for
Law and the Family Canada

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THEME – LABOUR LAW

1. Dr. Kamala Sankaran
Professor of Law,
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2. Prof. Judith Fudge
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