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CALL FOR BOOK CHAPTERS

Law, Society and Change:

*Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Contemporary
Challenges*



ABOUT THE BOOK

Law is more than a collection of statutes, rules and judicial decisions. It reflects society, its values, conflicts, aspirations and inequalities. At the same time, law has the power to reshape the very society from which it emerges.

Every major social transformation raises legal questions: technological change challenges privacy and responsibility; economic inequality raises issues of justice; evolving family structures reshape personal laws; psychology informs criminal justice; literature, history, and culture influence perceptions of rights and justice; and markets and commerce generate regulatory challenges that traditional frameworks may not anticipate.

This dynamic relationship between law and the changing human world forms the foundation of this edited volume. The book seeks to move beyond disciplinary boundaries, encouraging conversations between fields of knowledge that are often studied separately but remain deeply interconnected in practice.

Law shapes society, but society, in all its complexity, continually shapes law.

Law, Society and Change: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Contemporary Challenges invites original scholarly contributions that examine law through the broader lenses of the humanities, social sciences, psychology, economics, commerce, technology, culture, and public life. The volume particularly welcomes works that critically engage with the reciprocal relationship between law and society, exploring how legal institutions respond to and at times struggle to address the realities of a rapidly changing world.

All submissions will undergo a rigorous double-blind peer-review process, and the accepted chapters will be published as part of an ISBN or ISSN bearing edited volume, depending on the official issuance of the same.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Examine law as embedded in culture, behaviour, history, and human values, highlighting the dynamic relationship between legal rules and social realities.

Bring together insights from law, humanities, social sciences, psychology, economics, commerce, and allied disciplines to enrich understanding and scholarship.

Address pressing legal issues shaped by behaviour, culture, economics, and technology, while exploring gaps between doctrine and lived realities.

Promote national, regional, and international perspectives through cross-cultural analysis, contributing to academic debate, public policy, and institutional reform.

Contributions may be doctrinal, conceptual, theoretical, philosophical, empirical, socio-legal, historical, comparative, behavioural, economic or policy-oriented, including genuinely interdisciplinary approaches.

THEMES AND SUB-THEMES

The themes below are indicative rather than exhaustive. Authors are encouraged to propose original topics that fit within the larger theme of Law, Society and Change.

Law, Governance and the State

1. **Constitutional Transformation and Values:** Constitutionalism, democracy, resilience, institutional change, and safeguarding principles against populism and majoritarianism.
2. **Federalism, Local Governance and Public Policy:** Decentralisation, power-sharing, community participation, governance, regulation, and policy frameworks shaping society.
3. **Accountability, Integrity and Rule of Law:** Administrative law, transparency, public trust, and mechanisms to strengthen institutional responsibility.
4. **Technology, Governance and Institutional Adaptation:** Digital transformation, institutional adaptation, and challenges of modern governance in a rapidly changing society.

Law, Justice, Rights and Human Experience

1. **Human Rights, Dignity and Constitutional Values:** Rights and dignity in a changing society, constitutional principles, and limits of state power.
2. **Access to Justice and Public Trust:** Legal empowerment, lived experiences of justice, and strengthening confidence in institutions.
3. **Equality, Vulnerability and Social Inclusion:** Caste, class, discrimination, structural barriers, and the rights of marginalized groups including persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples, and tribal communities.
4. **Migration, Belonging and Statelessness:** Rights of migrants, refugees, displaced persons, and challenges of identity and belonging in transnational contexts.

Law, Gender, Psychology and Social Transformation

1. **Gender, Rights and Autonomy:** Feminist approaches, personal laws, changing family structures, reproductive rights, bodily autonomy, and LGBTQ+ jurisprudence.
2. **Violence, Victimhood and Trauma:** Sexual violence, workplace harassment, psychology of victimisation, trauma, vulnerable witnesses, and restorative/transformational justice.
3. **Crime, Responsibility and Behaviour:** Psychology of crime, criminal intent, mental state, legal responsibility, juvenile justice, child protection, and behavioural change.
4. **Bias, Perceptions and Social Identity:** Cognitive bias, judicial reasoning, sociology of law, legal consciousness, prejudice, stereotyping, discrimination, and intersectionality across caste, class, and culture.
5. **Technology, Cognition and Social Transformation:** Human cognition, artificial intelligence, psychological assessment in legal proceedings, workplace behaviour, consumer psychology, and the impact of digital society on law and identity.

Law, Crime and Criminal Justice

1. **Crime, Society and Marginalisation:** Social structures, marginalised communities, and the sociology of punishment.
2. **Policing, Accountability and Human Rights:** Police practices, transparency, institutional responsibility, and the protection of fundamental rights in criminal justice.
3. **Victims, Punishment and Reform:** Victimology, restorative and transformational justice, incarceration, rehabilitation, reintegration, juvenile justice, and child protection.
4. **Emerging Crimes and Global Enforcement:** Cybercrime, digital criminality, white-collar and corporate crime, financial crime, and transnational organised crime.

Law, Literature, Philosophy and Human Values

1. **Justice, Culture and Representation:** Literature, cinema, art, and popular culture as reflections of crime, punishment, morality, and justice.
2. **Philosophy, Ethics and Human Dignity:** Theories of justice, morality, ethics, and law's relationship with human values and the limits of state power.
3. **Law, Language and Historical Memory:** Collective memory, historical narratives, and identity in shaping law.
4. **Legal Education and the Humanities:** The role of interdisciplinary learning across literature, philosophy, and the humanities in shaping legal thought and practice.

Law, Culture, Identity and Society

1. **Cultural Transformation and Legal Change:** Law's interaction with tradition, modernity, religion, and secularism, shaping cultural transformation and legal reform.
2. **Pluralism, Identity and Social Perceptions:** Customary law, indigenous knowledge, language rights, collective identity, and public perceptions of justice within diverse societies.
3. **Law, Media and Popular Culture:** Representations of law in media and culture, and their influence on community relationships and legal consciousness.

Law, Technology and the Digital Society

1. **AI, Autonomy and Accountability:** Artificial intelligence, algorithmic decision-making, ethics, human rights, and autonomy in automated systems.
2. **Data, Privacy and Digital Rights:** Data protection, civil liberties, surveillance regulation, cyber law, social media, freedom of expression, misinformation, and platform governance.
3. **Emerging Technologies and Regulation:** Blockchain, cryptocurrency, financial regulation, and digital evidence in investigations.
4. **Innovation, Work and Social Transformation:** Technology, intellectual property, the future of work, and broader social transformation.

Law, Economy, Commerce and Development

1. **Development, Justice and Social Transformation:** Law's role in economic development, poverty alleviation, inequality, and advancing social justice.
2. **Labour, Work and Changing Economies:** Labour rights, employment structures, gig economy, and platform-based work.
3. **Markets, Finance and Global Trade:** Consumer rights, competition law, e-commerce, digital markets, banking, taxation, financial crime, FinTech regulation, and international commerce.
4. **Corporate Governance, Responsibility and Ethics:** Accountability, fraud, insolvency, corporate social responsibility (CSR), ESG, sustainability, and behavioural regulation through business ethics and legal responsibility.

Law, Environment and Sustainability

1. **Environmental Justice and Governance:** Legal frameworks for justice, governance, federalism, and community rights over natural resources.
2. **Climate Change and Vulnerable Communities:** Legal responses to climate change, climate justice, and displacement due to environmental crises.
3. **Indigenous Knowledge and Sustainability:** Traditional ecological wisdom, environmental ethics, and human–nature relationships in shaping sustainable futures.
4. **Development, Corporate Responsibility and ESG:** Law's role in sustainable development, the SDGs, disaster governance, and business accountability through environmental, social, and governance (ESG) frameworks.

Law, Health, Bioethics and Human Dignity

1. **Public Health and Governance:** Constitutional right to health, pandemic governance, and state responsibility in balancing liberty and collective welfare.
2. **Medical Ethics, Rights and Human Values:** Medical negligence, professional responsibility, reproductive rights, bioethical dilemmas, and law's relationship with the ethical foundations of medicine.
3. **Mental Health, Ageing and Dignity:** Legal rights in mental health, ageing populations, and the protection of human dignity.
4. **Biotechnology, Privacy and Inequality:** Genetic information, discrimination, emerging legal questions in biotechnology, and law's role in addressing disparities in healthcare access.

Law, Education and Knowledge

1. **Interdisciplinary Legal Thought:** Legal education, interdisciplinarity, academic freedom, and institutional autonomy in shaping legal scholarship.
2. **Education, Rights and Social Justice:** Constitutional and human rights dimensions of education; inclusion, equality, and pathways to social mobility.
3. **Governance and Market Challenges:** Regulation of education, accountability of universities, and the impact of commercialisation and market-driven models.
4. **Technology, Innovation and Knowledge Systems:** Artificial intelligence, digital futures of education, intellectual property, and innovation in knowledge creation.

International Law and Global Change

1. **Human Rights, Justice and Migration:** International human rights, refugee protection, migration, and safeguarding vulnerable communities.
2. **Global Governance and Cooperation:** International institutions, comparative constitutionalism, transnational cooperation, and mechanisms for addressing organised and financial crime.
3. **Trade, Development and Sustainability:** International trade, investment law, sustainable development, and law's role in advancing social justice.
4. **Climate, Environment and Health:** Climate change, international environmental law, and global health governance.
5. **Globalisation and Indian Society:** Cultural transformation, legal change, and the impact of transnational social movements on Indian society.

Emerging Interdisciplinary Frontiers

1. **Law, Technology and Justice:** Artificial intelligence, autonomy, ethics, and the future of legal institutions; safeguarding democracy through regulation of misinformation and protection of public trust; addressing inequality and social justice in response to technological disruption.
2. **Law, Work and Identity:** Law's engagement with shifting cultural identities and social transformation; reimagining justice in diverse societies; regulation of platform economies, gig work, and the transformation of labour.
3. **Legal Education Across Disciplines:** Innovative approaches to teaching law that integrate technology, social sciences, and cultural studies, preparing jurists for a rapidly changing society.

Authors are not restricted to the themes listed above. Cross-cutting, innovative and emerging topics are particularly welcome, provided they engage substantively with law and its relationship with society, culture, economy, human behaviour or the wider human experience.

WHO CAN CONTRIBUTE?

Faculty Members, Research Scholars, Practitioners and Professionals, UG/PG Students from Law, Humanities, Social Sciences, Commerce, Management, Behavioural Sciences, and allied disciplines.

Interdisciplinary and collaborative contributions are particularly welcome

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Abstract	250-300 words
Keywords	Minimum of three
Author Details (Cover Page)	Name, designation, affiliation, email id and contact details. (The cover page must be submitted as a separate document and not included in the main paper, to preserve anonymity during peer review).
Full chapter	4000- 7000 words inclusive of references
Referencing Style	APA 7 th Edition
References	No footnotes or endnotes. All sources cited in the chapter must be listed in a References section at the end of the chapter, following APA 7th Edition.
Originality	The chapter must be original, unpublished and not under consideration for publication elsewhere.

Similarity Index	Below 10%
AI Usage	Authors must ensure that each chapter represents their own original scholarly contribution. The use of AI tools is permitted only in line with the editorial guidelines and must never substitute the author's independent research, critical analysis, or academic judgment. Such tools may be employed solely for limited purposes, including grammar and spelling checks, language refinement, formatting support, and enhancing clarity or readability.
AI Assisted Contents	Below 10%, subject to the editorial verification process.
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Authors should indicate the primary theme/sub-theme under which the chapter is being submitted.	
Submissions will be accepted exclusively in Word format; files submitted in PDF or any other format will not be considered. Chapters that fail to comply with the prescribed formatting or submission requirements may be returned to the author for correction, or in certain cases, may be excluded from the review process.	

PEER-REVIEW PROCESS

All submissions must include both an abstract and the full paper. The review process will proceed through the following stages:

1. **Preliminary Editorial Screening:** Submissions will be assessed for originality, relevance, and alignment with the scope of the volume.
2. **Double-Blind Peer Review:** Full papers will be evaluated by subject experts under a double-blind system to ensure impartiality and scholarly rigor.
3. **Revision Stage:** Authors may be required to revise their papers in response to reviewer comments, strengthening clarity, coherence, and academic quality.
4. **Final Editorial Assessment:** Revised papers will undergo editorial scrutiny for quality, originality, and compliance with submission requirements.
5. **Copyediting and Publication:** Accepted papers will proceed to copyediting, formatting, and publication in accordance with the publisher's standards.

Please note: Acceptance of a submitted paper does not guarantee publication. Final inclusion will depend on successful completion of the peer-review process and approval in the concluding editorial assessment.

Note on Hard Copy Requests Authors and contributors are advised that the publication will primarily be available in digital format. Those who require a hard copy of the publication will be required to pay an additional amount, the exact figure of which will be communicated at a later stage.

TIMELINE

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Revised Chapter Submission**

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