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**NATIONAL SEMINAR**

On  
PERSONAL LAWS IN INDIA: CONFLICTS AND RESOLUTIONS  

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No body can deny the fact that the Personal Laws of the different communities are the most important laws, for every body is governed by these advertently or inadvertently. This is absolutely true in India. India is a land of diversities which has accommodated every religion in its laps. During ancient and medieval period, the personal laws were the law of the land governing manor religious communities. Personal Laws of Hindus are now the codified ones which have undergone changes with the passage of time according to the needs of the society either through new legislations or by decisions of the Courts. So far as the Muslim Personal Law is concerned, this is mostly uncodified and that is why it is open for criticism and controversy. The problem of Muslim Law has been multiplied because of the lack of expertise of Bench and Bar in the field.

In the contemporary period, globalization, rapid scientific development and fundamental changes in thinking have posed difficult questions before the persons associated with the legal field. In this materialistic world, everybody is rushing to corporate law and other specializations, while Personal Laws have been the victims of their negligence. Questions of cloning, surrogacy, gays, unnatural offences, live-in-relationship, gender justice, reform of Personal Laws and many other related issues are haunting the minds from time to time.

Despite the existence of an organized, well regulated and established hierarchy of Judicial Courts fully aided by authentic juristic works, many problems remain as such. It is a high time that the academicians, lawyers, judges, social scientists, law reformers, researchers and law students should sit together to find out the viable solutions.

This one day National Seminar aims to assess evaluate, analyze and examine the aforesaid and many other issues relating to Personal Laws searching solutions of problematic issues. We hope that the suggestions emanating from this Seminar will be of immense value and help not only the students and teachers of Personal Laws but will also pave the way for the judges, lawyers, law reformers, policy makers and law makers to come to the right and sensible solutions.

The main theme of the Seminar is “Personal Laws in India: Conflicts and Resolutions”. The sub-themes of the Seminar are:

1. Social Issues
   a) Gender Justice
   b) Inter-caste relationship
   c) Divorce & Maintenance
   d) Female Foeticide

2. Emerging Issues
   a) Live-in-Relationship
   b) Surrogacy
   c) Gays & Eunuchs
   d) Adoption by Foreign Nationals

3. Legal Issues
   a) Reform of Personal Laws
   b) Domestic Violence
   c) Uniform Civil Code
   d) Personal Laws & Judicial Activism
   e) Minorities Educational Rights & Role of Judiciary
   f) Family Courts

4. Economic Issues
   a) Property Rights
   b) Insurance & Banking System under Islam
   c) Waqf & its Administration

Note: Topics mentioned under sub-themes are only illustrative, participants are free to submit and present paper on any other optic relevant to Personal laws.

Call for Papers
Faculty of Law feels privileged to invite you to participate and to contribute paper(s) on any of the sub-themes or issues of similar nature to that of the sub-theme for presentation and publication.