

Between the home and the law: Indian women's experiences in family housing disputes

- Why focus on property?
- What is the gendered implication of property rights?
- Why India?



Research Question

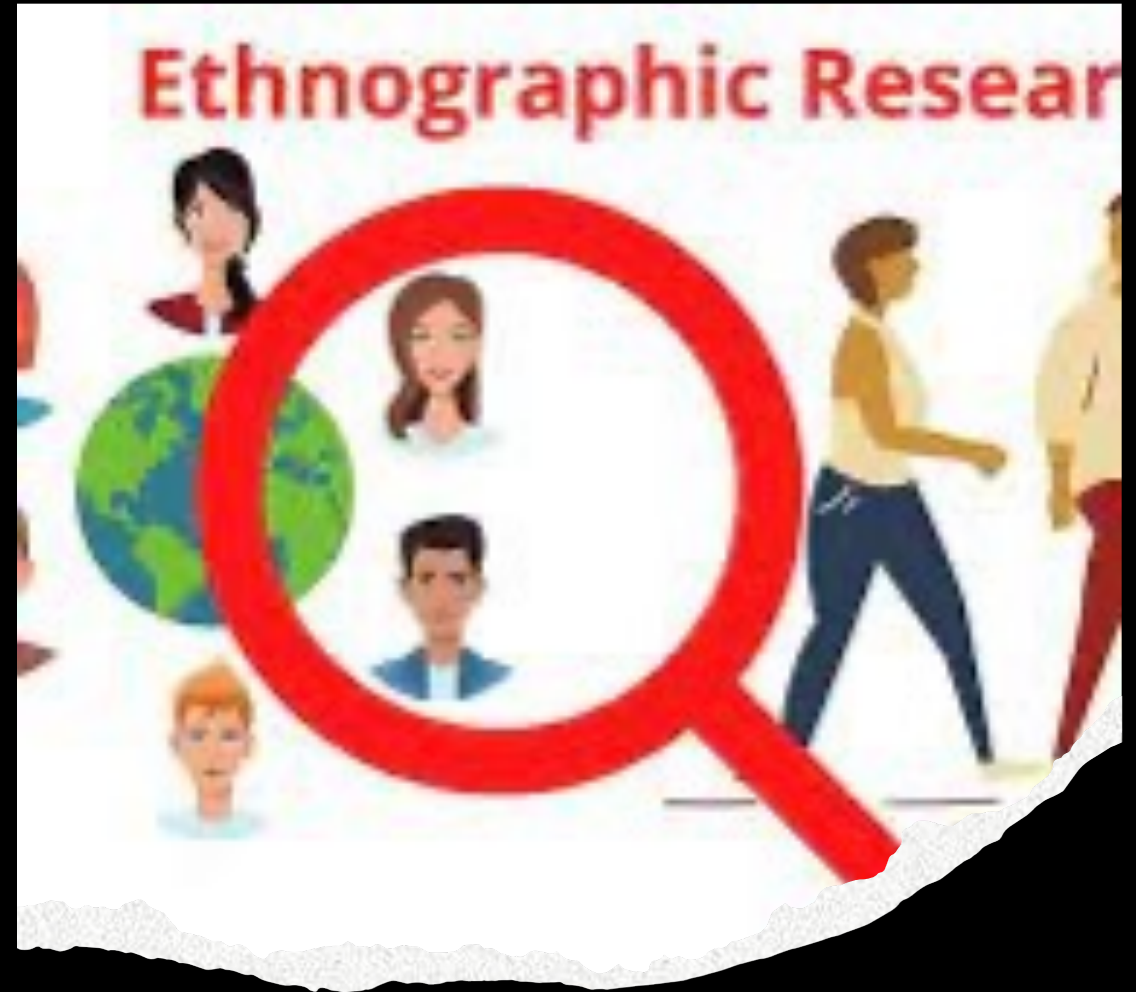


What are upper middle class, and elite women's experiences in family housing disputes in urban India?



Methods

- Ethnography
 - Observations
 - Interviews
 - Archival Work



Findings

- Dispossession
 - Cases of domestic violence
 - Indirect Dispossession
 - Actual Dispossession
- Negotiations in courtrooms
 - Focus on mediation centers
 - Precarity of women in legal situations
- Inheritance cases
 - Daughter's class locations



The construction of deservingness

- Tangible and intangible contributions to the household.
- Social life of the law.
- Women's work is devalued.



Contributions to literature

- Economic Sociology, Sociology of Gender, Sociology of Law
 - Relational Work
 - Moral, gendered and temporal nature of relational work.
 - Institutional and Interpersonal relational work
 - Focus on the plight of mothers in matrimonial disputes



Future Research and Research Agenda



DIFFERENT CLASS
BACKGROUND



WORK WITH
LEGAL OFFICES.



POLICY
DECISIONS



JUDICIAL
TRAININGS.



Plans after PhD.

- Tenure Track
- Public facing academia





Thank you!

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