

Review of: "[Commentary] Commentary on Sociocultural Beliefs and Systems Restricting Women's Access to their Marital Property Rights in Pakistan"

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The background section of the paper insufficiently problematized the research issue that necessitated this study/paper.

Author(s) acknowledged that the Pakistan's Constitution allows women the absolute right to own, acquire, inherit and control property. And other complex set of overlapping legislations also oversee land acquisition, including outright sale-purchase, exchange, State grants, inheritance, will, gift, preemption, mortgage, leases, and licenses; that the federal and provincial governments have even initiated several programmes to support women's ownership of land and property. This is the context or background which the paper presented. Interestingly, this context is an empowering social structure which enables rather than restricts women in Pakistan to access their marital property rights. The paper shall significantly contribute to knowledge if the focus of the paper is redirected to probe institutional incapability of federal and provincial governments in Pakistan in enforcing compliance to Constitutional provisions that allow women the absolute right to own, acquire, inherit and control property.