

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

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Thank you for offering me the opportunity to review this article [Commentary on Sociocultural Beliefs and Systems Restricting Women's Access to their Marital Property Rights in Pakistan]. The author has dealt with a very interesting topic. This is not only interesting in Pakistan but also in many South-East Asian countries in particular where social and/or religious practices play catalytic role in depriving women from enjoying rights over properties. Though the author has done a commendable work, I would like to offer a few suggestions to enrich the article:

1. The author's argument is grounded on sociocultural beliefs and systems that restrict women's access to marital property. But he needs to substantiate his argument with sufficient cases or illustrations, without which this seems to be weak.
2. The PAM model the author used has not supplemented the central argument of the article. This may be omitted.
3. For Victor Turner, ritual's fundamental purpose is to infuse everyday social statuses and roles with *communitas*, thus putting them in the service of human community. Common beliefs are negotiated through cultural practices of a society's members. The author can offer critics to Turner's approach viewing 'structures', even in ritual events, to sustain women's deprivation over property rights.
4. Author may highlight the role of Shariah law on the domain.