We are seeking chapter proposals for an interdisciplinary anthology themed around the relationship between the Law and Mothers and their mothering. When we use the term mothers, we refer to anyone who self-identifies as a mother and engages in mother work. The anthology will consider and explore the ways in which mothers are constrained and empowered through laws. The emphasis in this collection is on how/why the law impacts mothers and mothering, though we are also interested in how mothers engage in making, enforcing, and interpreting laws in professional fields. We are interested in curating contributions on ways in which mothers are affected by, defined by, constrained by, participate in, resist, and uphold formal government processes, laws, guidelines, rules and regulations.

Scope

This is an interdisciplinary anthology, and contributions are encouraged from a wide range of disciplines and fields. These include law, psychology, sociology, anthropology, women’s and gender studies, cultural studies, literary studies, legal studies, and all social science and humanities. Creative contributions, such as fiction, poetry and art, will also be welcomed alongside the academic writing. Those with lived experiences of being an Indigenous and/or diverse, refugee, criminalized, and/or immigrant mother are highly encouraged to partake and share their unique perspectives.

We like to invite submissions from academics, artists, activists, writers, women, and mothers who study law and motherhood, have lived experiences of legal regulation of mothers and mothering, work as service providers in legal services, and/or work as advocates. Submissions might include personal essay/reflection, academic essay, memoir, creative non-fiction, diary style, poetry, art, photography, and hybrid genres. Topics may include but are not limited to:

- Mothering experiences in child protection systems
- regulation of mothering through law in family structures
- LGBTQ+ mothers and legal regulation
- Racialized mothers and legal regulation
- Mothering experiences in criminal law processes
- Change in mothering identity after legal intervention
- Mothering experiences of incarceration and separation in violent and unanticipated Circumstances involving law
- Impacts of law on mothers’ status and livelihood
- Refugee law, Asylum-seeking, immigration law and mothering
- legal processes, trauma, resilience and mothering
Submission Procedure

Please submit a chapter proposal which includes the following: title, abstract, tentative outline, and a short biography of the author(s). Proposals should be a maximum of 500 words written in English, using Microsoft Word format, Times New Roman, 12 font. Authors of accepted proposals will be notified and sent submission guidelines. Chapter contributions will be 6500 words, excluding figures, tables, and references.

1. Proposal submission deadline: **February 1, 2024**
2. Notification of acceptance: **March 1, 2024**
3. Full 1st draft of chapter due: **July 1, 2024**
4. Editorial review results returned: **September 1, 2024**
5. Final chapter submission: **October 31, 2024**
7. Projected publication date – January 2025

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