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# CALL FOR PAPERS

*(Re)tooling Critical Feminist Theories for  
“Doing” Social Justice in Family Research*

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The purpose of this special issue of the *Journal of Family Theory & Review* is to engage readers in a discussion of how critical feminisms inform family theory and research on social justice issues. Social justice research addresses issues such as racism, classism, religious oppression, sexism, heterosexism, transgender oppression, ableism, and ageism. For purposes of the special issue, the goal of social justice is to reduce structural violence and to allow the equal participation of all groups in a society that is mutually shaped to meet families' needs. While some social justice constructs and related issues are addressed in the family studies literature and challenged through personal activism, these social issues, their interactions, resulting injustices, and possible redress are overwhelmingly absent from the larger family discourse. This is evidenced by the paucity of attention in our field to human rights issues, such as maternal mortality, honor killings, genital cutting, sex-selective abortion, dowry deaths, child marriages, human trafficking, disease, hunger, forced prostitution, poverty, genocide, infanticide, and femicide.

Specifically, the editors encourage reviews of family theory and research to illustrate how the following theoretical frameworks are being used by family scholars: a) multicultural and critical race feminisms; b) postcolonial and transnational feminisms; c) post-structural and queer theories; or d) ecofeminist theories. Also encouraged are theoretical articles that address how these theories can enhance future social justice scholarship in family studies. (Please note that the Journal does not publish empirical reports with the exception of meta-analyses of particular areas of research.)

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