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EDITED BOOK

“Balancing the Republic: Hate Speech, Constitutional Values, and Media Freedoms”

About the Book

In an era marked by digital amplification and polarised discourse, the balance between protecting freedom of expression and curbing hate speech has become one of the most pressing legal and ethical challenges of modern democracies. This edited volume seeks to examine the complexities surrounding hate speech, constitutional values, and media freedoms, with a particular focus on the Indian legal framework while drawing comparative insights from global jurisprudence and practices.

This interdisciplinary collection will explore how law, media, and society interact in the regulation of hate speech and how constitutional democracies must navigate the tension between protecting civil liberties and maintaining public order and dignity.

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INDICATIVE THEMES

Note: The following themes are indicative and not exhaustive. Contributors are encouraged to propose relevant, innovative, or interdisciplinary topics aligned with the central theme of the book.

Constitutional and Legal Dimensions of Hate Speech

Focus: Analyzing how constitutional rights and restrictions shape the legal treatment of hate speech in India.

Media Narratives and Speech in Digital Times

Focus: Examining the role of television, social media, and online platforms in spreading or combating hate.

Digital Surveillance and Speech Regulation

Focus: Scrutinizing the balance between online monitoring, data privacy, and state control of speech.

Hate Speech in Electoral and Political Discourse

Focus: Exploring the use of hate speech in campaigns, political speeches, and its regulation by the Election Commission.

International and Comparative Legal Approaches

Focus: Studying global legal frameworks on hate speech and their relevance for Indian jurisprudence.

Identity-Based Hate and Marginalized Groups

Focus: Understanding how hate speech targets communities based on religion, caste, gender, Language and sexuality.

Free Speech, Tolerance, and Public Morality

Focus: Reflecting on the philosophical and ethical boundaries of free expression in a plural society.

Regulating Technology and Platform Responsibility

Focus: Assessing intermediary liability, algorithmic bias, and state control over online hate content.

Hate Speech and National Security Narratives

Focus: Analyzing the use of hate speech laws in the context of terrorism, sedition, and national unity debates.

Impact of Hate Speech on Children and Adolescents

Focus: Understanding how exposure to hate speech online affects young users and their psychological well-being.

Business Models of Online Platforms and Hate Amplification

Focus: Investigating how algorithmic engagement and monetization practices enable the spread of hateful content.

Civil Society, Counter-Speech, and Education

Focus: Highlighting the role of awareness, counter-narratives, and public engagement in resisting hate.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

- Contributors may offer doctrinal, empirical, comparative, or practice-based insights.
- Interdisciplinary approaches from law, sociology, political science, media studies, environmental studies, and education are encouraged.
- Contributions from early-career researchers, practitioners, and civil society members are welcome.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Academicians | Legal Researchers | Legal Practitioners | Policy Experts | Civil Society Members | Law and Social Science Students | Public Intellectuals | Interdisciplinary Scholars | Constitutional Thinkers

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