Nineteenth-Century Women and Conflicts of Law: Global Perspectives, 1815-1919

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We invite chapter submission for inclusion in an edited collection under consideration by Vernon Press on Nineteenth-Century Women and Conflicts of Law.

The volume discusses the consequences for women when law systems clashed—between independent nations, colonizers and colonized, majority and minority religions, or between secular and religious laws. The nineteenth century saw industrial nations draw more and more of the globe into the orbit of their law systems, and it was also a century in which women contested their legal positions vigorously, leading to law reforms. Thus, it offers an ideal forum for studying the effects of legal differences across the globe. Conflicts of law were inevitable whenever people crossed borders, converted to different religions, or married/divorced someone of a different class, religion, or locality. Women were often harmed by conflicts of law, but this was not inevitable. In other words, these clashes offered both a challenge and an opportunity to nineteenth-century women.

This volume has no geographical limitations; we welcome proposals from historians of all parts of the world. The most important factor for selection will be the authors’ ability to highlight women’s experiences when law systems clashed. Possible topics include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Conflicts of law in criminal justice (such as domestic violence and bigamy)
- Conflicts over civil law (marriage, divorce, custody)
- Gendered age limitations in the law
- Women in imperial law systems
- Conflict between secular and religious courts
- The consequences of the lack of legal recognition for lesbian and transgender families
- The regulation and criminalization of sex work across national borders
- Women as actors in the international legal community
- Disputes over nationality, dual nationality, and statelessness in peace and war

The proposed schedule is as follows:

**June 15, 2022** - Proposals due; these should be of no more than 300 words, accompanied by a one-page C.V.

**August 1, 2022** - Authors receive notice of editorial decision.

**November 1, 2022** - Full manuscripts due to the editor. Manuscripts should be standard length for
journal articles, approximately 7,500-8,500 words (including notes).

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