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Notice for the PhD Viva Voce Examination

Mr Rebwar Karimi (Registration Number: 1640081), PhD scholar at the School of Social Sciences, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore will defend his PhD thesis at the public viva-voce examination on Monday, 29 April 2024 at 3.00 pm in Room No. 044, Ground Floor, R & D Block, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru - 560029.

Title of the Thesis : **Community Consciousness and the Construction of Social Honour: A Study among the Kurds in Finland**

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ABSTRACT

Research on Honour Based Violence (HBV), particularly honour killings, has been a topic of academic and public discussions across the world and more so in Finland. Typically, inquiries into how honour, as a basis of violent acts, is formed and expressed on personal or communal levels remain unanswered comprehensively. This study uncovered the social structures underlying one's sense of honour, and demonstrated its manifestation in social interactions, and elucidated how individuals respond to threats against their notion of honour. Because of the many tragic instances of HBV within Kurdish diaspora communities, Kurds and Kurdish culture frequently feature in discussions concerning this phenomenon. Therefore, data for this research is collected from Kurds in Finland. To gather in-depth data, the study employed a combination of different tools in the qualitative methods.

This study shows that honour construction among the Kurds is based on a complex interaction of institutional, relational, and embodied factors. The study also demonstrates that honour-related conflicts stem from an intricate interplay of certain structural factors within the Kurdish community. The role of everyday practices vis a vis dynamic social factors in shaping individuals' discursive consciousness around honour is explained by applying the structuration theory.

Keywords: honour, honour-based violence, social structures, facework, dishonour, Kurds

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