Special Issue

Disparities of Justice: Unequal Outcomes, Racial and Gender Bias, and Law in the Twenty-First Century

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This Special Issue aims to bring together multidisciplinary, transdisciplinary, and interdisciplinary research exploring the ways in which racial identity, gender identity, ethnic identity, and other social identities, and the nexus of said identities, shape disparities affecting all aspects of twenty-first century life in the United States and beyond. As such, this Special Issue aims to highlight how disparities of justice reflect linguistic, ethno-racial/ethnic, and gender biases within the criminal justice system, the law enforcement system, and within the administrative nation state. With "disparities of justice" as a guiding framework, this Special Issue seeks to further unpack the connections across unequal outcomes.

In this Special Issue, original research articles and reviews are welcome. Research areas may include (but are not limited to) the following: unequal outcomes emerging from all aspects of law (e.g., criminal, administrative, election, human rights, family, environmental, employment, housing, and health care law).

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