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## Flawed: Disability and Marriage Law in India

What does the institution of ‘marriage’ mean, especially to women with invisible disabilities? To what extent do Indian history, religion and culture influence Indian matrimonial laws? How do the associated social norms, values, beliefs, and cultural assumptions--including portrayals in Bollywood--shape the construct of ‘disability’ and impact the desirability of women with disabilities, especially in relation to conjugal relationships? Devyani Tewari explores these questions against the backdrop of Indian matrimonial laws which consider “mental disorder” as a ground for annulment and divorce.

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