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The Pasts and Prejudice:

Law and Sex Selection in India

Throughout the nineteenth century, and under colonial rule in India, "social reform" was strongly linked to legislative change of women's status within and beyond the home. One of the important areas of intervention was regulation of female infanticide (from 1870s). Reference was made to (primarily) Hindu scriptural law and tradition by both the proponents and opponents of change. To what extent do these debates in colonial India resonate in the contemporary prevalence, and critiques, of sex selection practices in parts of the subcontinent?

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