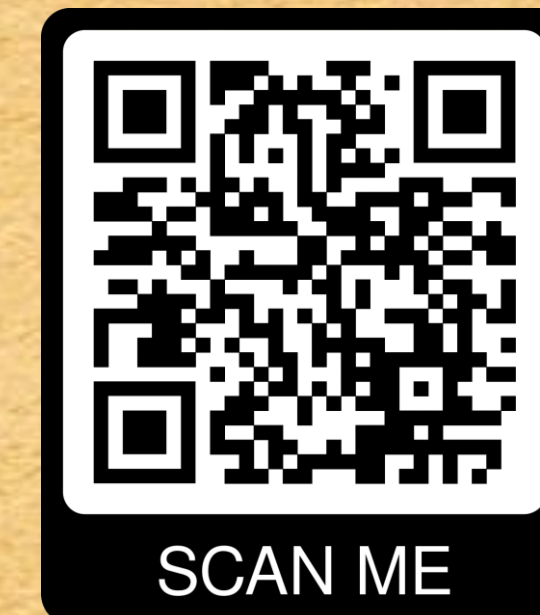
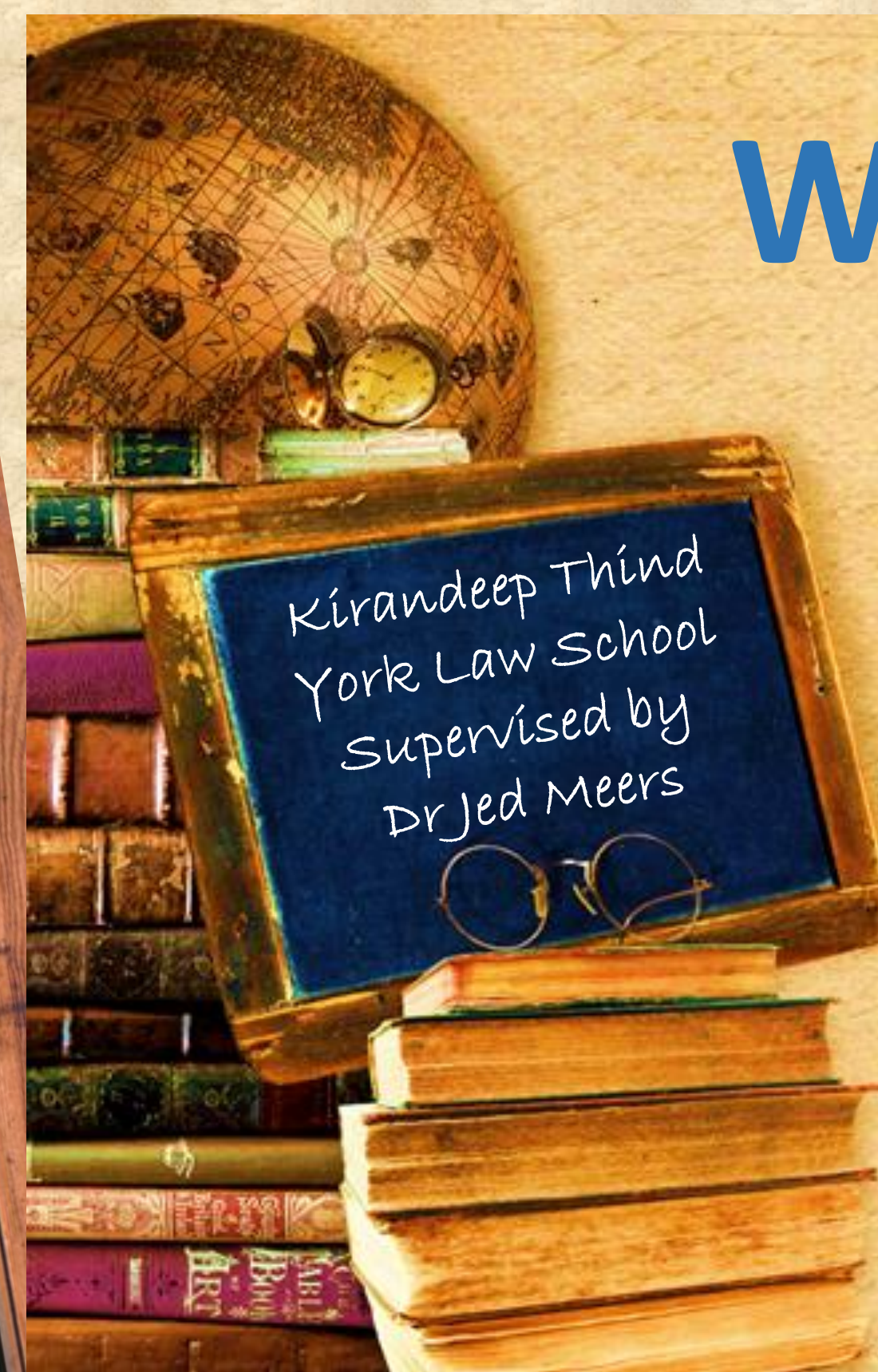


What are the reported global impacts of early, child and forced marriage on girls' education?



Rationale

- Global initiatives and Conventions emanate the urgency to eradicate early, child and forced marriage; whilst acknowledging the importance of educating girls.
- Much literature on adverse psychological, well-being, and health impacts of the harmful practice on the girl-child, informing future policy.
- Appears to be substantially less robust literature on educational consequences.
- Impact on a girl's education posited as an important prerequisite in informing intervention and prevention strategies.
- Thus, review aimed to assess quality of literature on dynamic between early, child, and forced marriage and reported educational outcomes on girls' < age of 18

ABSTRACT

- To locate, appraise, and synthesise the current literature on the reported global impacts of early, child and forced marriage on the education of girls below the age of 18.

OBJECTIVE

- To conduct a thorough, evidence-based review of the available literature;
- Assess the methodologies employed in studies and the reported outcomes with transparency and replicability.

- PROJECT PLANNING**
- PLAN → DO → CHECK → ACT
- 1 Plan review
 - 2 Perform scoping searches
 - 3 Refine review question
 - 4 Write protocol
 - 5 Literature search
 - 6 Screening abstract and titles
 - 7 Obtain papers
 - 8 Select full text-papers
 - 9 Data extraction
 - 10 Quality assessment
 - 11 Analysis and synthesis
 - 12 Write up, edit, disseminate

Background

- A forced marriage is a union in which one or more parties do not (or cannot) consent to the marriage.
- An early or child marriage 'is any marriage where at least one of the parties is under 18 years of age'.
- Upper age limit is recognised within Article 1 of The United Nations 1989 Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC): defining a child as 'every human being below the age of eighteen years'.
- Child marriage is considered a form of forced marriage as it is widely acknowledged that children are unable to freely consent to marriage.
- The prominence of early, child and forced marriage is substantially elevated in regions of reduced economic stability and attributed to factors such as poverty, and socio-economic and cultural norms.
- Whilst there is some disparity amongst worldwide jurisdictions on the legal age of marriage, according to UNICEF 'marriage before the age of 18 is a fundamental violation of human rights'.
- Increased risk of abuse, detriments to health and welfare, and reduced educational opportunities are associated impediments of the harmful practice.
- Significantly, early, child and forced marriage is a recognised humanitarian crisis that disproportionately affects *girls*.
- Consequently, 'every year, at least 12 million girls are married before they reach the age of 18'; curtailing freedom and autonomy, increasing gender inequality, and inhibiting participation in education.

analysis

- ✓ Reduced educational attainment
- ✓ Decreased levels of literacy
- ✓ Increased school-dropout rates
- ✓ Lower perceived value of education
- ✓ **More studies required**

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