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Event Report: Lecture on Constitutional Pluralism and the New Family Arrangements

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On 15 October 2024, the International Cell of Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur, organized an insightful lecture in its International Lecture Series. The session, titled "**Constitutional Pluralism and the New Family Arrangements**," was delivered by **Prof. Marcos Augusto Maliska**, a distinguished academic and practitioner in constitutional law and a Federal Attorney from Curitiba-PR, Brazil. The event attracted the participation of faculty members, LLM students, and BA LLB and BBA LLB students, providing a platform to explore the evolving dynamics of constitutional pluralism and family law in modern societies.

Prof. Maliska began the session by introducing the concept of **constitutional pluralism**, emphasizing its significance in today's rapidly changing social and legal landscape. He explained that constitutional pluralism recognizes the coexistence of diverse legal systems and cultural norms within a single constitutional framework, promoting harmony and inclusivity in addressing complex social realities.

Prof. Maliska highlighted the evolution of family law, emphasizing how traditional definitions of family are being redefined in light of contemporary societal changes. He discussed the shift from nuclear family models to inclusive recognition of diverse family arrangements, including same-sex unions, cohabitation partnerships, and single-parent families.

Drawing from **Brazilian constitutional jurisprudence**, he explained how courts in Brazil have adopted a progressive stance by interpreting constitutional provisions to safeguard the dignity, equality, and rights of all individuals, irrespective of their familial structures.

The lecture incorporated a comparative analysis of family law reforms in various jurisdictions, including **Latin America, Europe, and Asia**, showcasing how different legal

systems adapt to the changing definitions of family. Prof. Maliska highlighted notable judicial decisions that have expanded the legal recognition of non-traditional family arrangements, fostering inclusivity and equality.

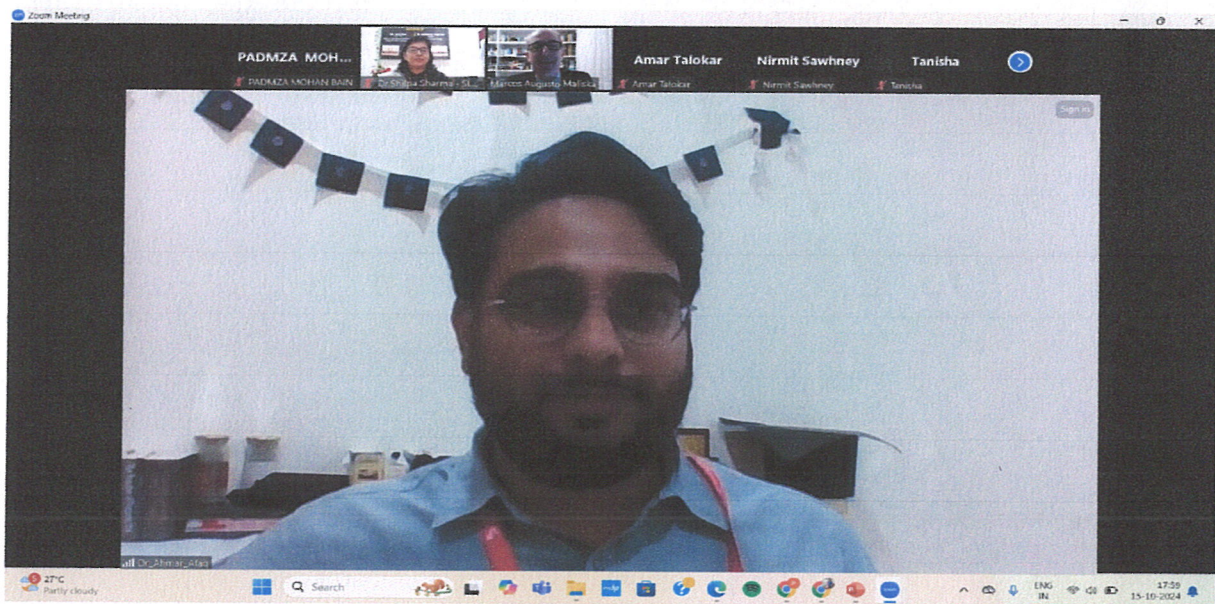
Prof. Maliska elaborated on the role of constitutional law as a catalyst for social change. He emphasized that constitutions are not static documents but dynamic instruments that evolve with societal needs. He stressed the importance of interpreting constitutional principles, such as equality and non-discrimination, to reflect contemporary social realities.

He also discussed the challenges of balancing cultural traditions with constitutional mandates, underscoring the role of courts in ensuring that evolving societal norms are aligned with the principles of justice and human rights.

Addressing the audience, Prof. Maliska emphasized the need for future legal professionals to understand and appreciate the nuances of constitutional pluralism. He encouraged students to approach legal issues with sensitivity to cultural diversity and societal transformations, ensuring that the law remains a tool for justice and equality.

The session was followed by an engaging, where students and faculty raised thought-provoking questions about the challenges and implications of constitutional pluralism and family law.

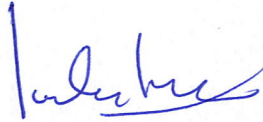
The event concluded with a vote of thanks to Prof. Marcos Augusto Maliska for his comprehensive and enlightening lecture. The session provided participants with a deeper understanding of constitutional pluralism and its implications for modern family arrangements, inspiring critical reflections on the evolving role of constitutional law in addressing societal transformations. Organized by the International Cell at Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur, this lecture was valuable to the academic discourse, fostering a global perspective on contemporary legal challenges and equipping students with insights into the interplay of law, society, and human rights.



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