A Literature Review of Non-family Domestic Adoptions in India: Lessons from Other Countries

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Article Summary:
Exploring the theoretical perspectives and empirical studies from Western and Asian countries, this paper examines the deficits in the Indian literature on non-family domestic adoptions. A systematic review of literature of various elements from pre- to post-adoption phases of adoptive parenthood was undertaken. It included a review on the motivation to adopt, transition to parenthood, adoption disclosure, social work practices and the role of different socio-cultural factors therein. While highlighting the under-researched areas of parenthood through adoption in India, significant reflections were generated on how India can benefit from adoption studies and social work provisions of other countries.

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