



## Genderwoche: Zeit, was zu gendern 16th - 21st March 2021

### Our Expert Speakers



#### **Ruchira Goswami**

Asst. Professor, West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences

Ruchira Goswami teaches at the National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata where she offers courses in Sociology, Human Rights, Gender and Law, Child Rights and Film and Law. She was the Head of the Centre for Child Rights, NUJS, a multidisciplinary centre set up in partnership with UNICEF with the mandate of research, documentation and advocacy on child rights issues. A British Chevening Scholar in Human Rights from the London School of Economics, her areas of interests include feminist movements and legal reforms, child rights, representation of law in films and Intellectual Property and Human Rights. Her publications are in International Human Rights Law and Women's Rights; Intellectual Property and Women's Rights, Right to Food etc. She has taught in a number of institutions including Presidency University, Jadavpur University and in International Development Studies, University of Oslo, Norway. She is closely associated with several human rights organizations in the city and outside and conducts workshops and capacity building programmes on human rights issues with various stakeholder.



#### **Swati Bhattacharjee**

Senior Assistant Editor, Ananda Bazar Patrika and Gen. Secretary, SAWM India

Swati Bhattacharjee is Senior Assistant Editor, Editorial Page, Ananda Bazar Patrika, Kolkata. She has a PhD in Social Science from Tata Institute of Social Studies, Mumbai, an MSc in Media Research from University of Stirling, UK, and an MA in Philosophy from Jadavpur University. Swati was a Fulbright Fellow at ALJ Poverty Action Lab, MIT, received the ICSSR Senior Fellowship. Her awards and fellowships in journalism include the "Journalist of Courage and Impact" Award from East West Centre, Hawaii (2018). She received the East-West Centre Jefferson Fellowship (2006), Institute of Development Studies Kolkata fellowship on Health, Nutrition and Public Policy (2004) and Panos Reproductive Health Media Fellowship (1997). Swati was awarded the UNFPA-Laadli Media Award in 2007, and won the EU-India Essay Contest for Young Journalists in 2005. Swati is the General Secretary of South Asian Women in Media (SAWM), India chapter.

### Our Workshop Conductors



## Women's Rights through the Lens of German and Indian Constitutions



### **Bhakti Bhave**

Founder, Constitution & Responsible Citizenship Initiative

Bhakti Bhave has 6+ years of robust experience in Constitution and Citizenship Education. In her association with the organisation We, The People Abhiyan, Bhakti has built capacities of 300+ trainers and thousands of citizens on Constitution and Citizenship Education across India. Along with training and capacity building, Bhakti regularly writes and advocates the cause on various platforms.

## Toxic Masculinity



### **Raahi Adhya**

Raahi is a PhD scholar at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London who is fascinated by how fictional, magical texts become windows into the very real worlds that they emerge in. So, she researches on the Bengali children's literary genre called 'roopkotha' and studies the gendered tellers, listeners and characters who have historically defined it. Her academic training is in the disciplines of Women's Studies and Literature.



### **Shabnam Surita**

Shabnam shuffles between her job as a lecturer and doctoral researcher at the Department of South Asian Studies at the University of Bonn, Germany and as a multimedia journalist at the Bengali editorial of Deutsche Welle, the German public broadcaster. Besides, she also regularly writes for several blogs and journals on gender, migration and has worked with girls with migrant backgrounds in Germany. Shabnam is also an accomplished musician and has performed Bengali songs in India and abroad.



### **Neha Ghosh**

Neha is a German and history teacher at Sushila Birla Girls' school. She conducts workshops and sessions for young German learners in collaboration with the Goethe-Institut /Max Mueller Bhavan, Kolkata. She finds joy in witnessing a child learn something new and always finds innovative ways to engage her students and ensures that her students are exposed to the ideas related to gender equality from a very young age.

## Drones for Daughters



### **Ruchi Saxena**

Caerobotics Consultancy Pvt. Ltd.  
Director, India Flying Labs

Dr Ruchi Saxena is the Founder and Director of Caerobotics, a social impact consultancy firm that builds ecosystems that bring futuristic technologies closer to the communities that need them the most. She is also coordinating India Flying Labs, dedicated to the use of drones (unmanned aerial systems), drone-based data, robotics and other remote sensing technologies for healthcare, disasters, development, agriculture,

conservation and education.

## **Be Creative**



### **Lenia Friedrich**

Designer and Workshop Expert

Through her workshops, Lenia Friedrich, who is a graphic designer, illustrator, animation expert and theater artist from Germany, harnesses the inherent creativity inside each young learner and allows them to come up with their unique creations. She has extensive experience in working with young people on various creative projects involving storyboarding,

stop motion, animation in 2D and so on.

## **Inclusivity of Girls & Women: Little Acts – Big Impact**



### **Trishala Kanakia**

Mental Health Therapist and Narrative Practitioner

Trishala is a mental health practitioner who uses narrative ideas in her therapeutic work with individuals and groups. She hopes to create safe spaces for people to reflect on their preferred identities.



### **Shaneel Mukerji**

Special Educator and Therapist

Shaneel is a special educator and therapist with the Mental Health Foundation, Kolkata. Her work involves family, professional and organisational support in individual or group sessions and workshops.

## **Block and Tackle**



### **Anjali Laddha**

Public Speaking Workshop Expert

Anjali Laddha has always been one to challenge the convention. Her mantra in life is to, eat sleep, lead and repeat. An ardent believer of gender equality she started her own initiative - WEvolve which aims to create impactful conversation and interaction leading to true empowerment of individuals. Currently a student at Modern High School for Girls, she is an exemplary public speaker, leader, and classically trained Kathak dancer. She is a part of the Student Council as Vice-Captain of her house and also the Vice

President of Footloose, the official dance club of Modern High School. She was the President of the SpeakSmart senior student wing, a student-led initiative that believes in effective communication skills and conducts public speaking events, debates and workshops.