

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

DAY 1

17.01.2022

Inauguration (2.30 -3.30)

Dr. (Sr.) Ananda Amritmahal (Welcome note)
Principal, Sophia College (Autonomous) Mumbai

Dr. Linda Lane (Key-note address)
Department of Social Work, Gothenburg, Sweden

1st Panel Discussion (3.00 -4.30)

Topic - Perspectives on Gender Sensitization and Rights of Children and Senior Citizens

Prof. Vibhuti Patel
Vice President, Indian Association for Women's Studies

Ms Pooja Taparia
Founder and Chief Executive, Arpan, Mumbai

Prof. Daryl Higgins
Director, Institute of Child Protection Studies,
Australian Catholic University

Adv. Flavia Agnes (Moderator)
Former Director 'Majlis'

2nd Panel Discussion (4.30 -6.00)

Topic - Dismantling Patriarchy, Masculinity, and Misogyny focusing on Children and Senior Citizens

Ms Anupama Dutta
Helpage India

Mr. Sailesh Mishra
Director, Silver Innings, Mumbai, India

Dr. Vahida Nainar
Independent Researcher, Gender, Human Rights, International Law

Dr. Geeta Balakrishnan (Moderator)
Retd Principal, Nirmala Niketan College of Social Work

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3rd Panel Discussion (3.00-4.30)

Topic - Mobilising Support for A New UN Convention on The Rights of Older People - The Global Alliance for the Rights of Older People, United Kingdom

Dr. Marijke de Pauw
Global Rights Policy Adviser, HelpAge International

Mr. Naraidoo Gava Naraidoo
Director, DIS-MOI (Droits Humains Ocean Indien), Mauritius.
Deputy Chair of Steering Group, Global Alliance for the Rights of Older People

Dr. Debanjan Banerjee
MD, DNB Psychiatry, DM Geriatric Psychiatry
Consultant Old Age Psychiatrist, Kolkata, India & Member,
International Psychogeriatric Association (IPA)

Ms Margaret Young
Member of Steering Group, Global Alliance for
the Rights of Older People

Dr. Kiran Rabheru
Chair of Steering Group, Global Alliance for the Rights of Older
People, Geriatric Psychiatrist, TOH, Professor of Psychiatry,
U of Ottawa Chair of the Board, ILC-Canada (Moderator)

4th Panel Discussion (4.30-6.00)

Topic - Legislative protection and Social Security Measures for Children and Senior Citizens

Ms Christine Nathan
International Labour Organization (Retd)

Dr. Alannah Fernandes
Independent Researcher

Ms Neha Matthews
Journalist

Adv. Audrey D'Mello (Moderator)
Director, Majlis

Valedictory (6.00-6.30)

Justice Dr. Shalini Phansalkar Joshi
Retd. Judge, Bombay High Court

Concluding Remarks
Dr. Jerome Stanislaus D'Souza
President, the Jesuit Conference of South Asia



Center for Safeguarding and
Human Formation
De Nobili College, Pune



Sophia Centre for Women's
Studies and Development,
Sophia College (Autonomous), Mumbai

Two-day Online International Conference

“Gender Sensitisation and Protection of the Rights of Children and Vulnerable Adults”

Date : 17th & 18th January 2022

Time : 02.30 pm - 06.30 pm (IST)

Live on: Zoom

Co-organisers

Department of Psychology,
Sophia College (Autonomous), Mumbai



Discriminations and abuses exist in all walks of life, including everyday interactions in the family, at the workplace and in public space in most societies. Stereotypes are fed into the minds of individuals right from a very young age and subsequently, people respond to social situations keeping their imbibed prejudices about the 'other'. It results in unhealthy social practices including verbal and physical abuse not only maligning others but also causing injury and trauma. It is in this context that the seminar on "Gender Sensitisation and Protection of the Rights of Children and Vulnerable Adults" is being organised.

The seminar will introduce and sensitise participants on various issues related to abuse and its prevention. The participants will be exposed to the viewpoints of experts who will address sociological and psychological dynamics, moral dimensions and legal aspects of this issue. Gender sensitisation will be an important component of the seminar as it is crucial for the balanced development of young minds by helping them in building correct values and self-discipline. Further, in order to have a better understanding of the concepts of equality and non-discrimination, which are the two fundamental aspects of the Indian constitution, it is important to comprehend fully the basic concepts like the difference between sex and gender, gender roles, gender stereotypes, gender division of labour, gender discrimination, gender-based violence, masculinity, patriarchy, gender equality, gender justice, etc. A good perspective on these concepts helps not only in sensitising people on curbing the gender biases prevailing in society but also in girls and women to achieve their goals and become responsible citizens. Hence, apart from providing a general awareness and understanding of laws relating to children and women, gender sensitisation sessions will facilitate inculcating values of equality, inclusivity and diversity, which are essential for building a healthy society among adolescent boys and girls.

The seminar will have two sessions per day. Each session will be conducted by subject expert/s, which will be followed by a question and answer session.

Sophia Centre for Women's Studies and Development (SCWSD) is based at the Sophia College (autonomous), affiliated to the University of Mumbai, Maharashtra, India. The SCWSD was launched in 2001 and since then it has proven to be a stimulating and engaging centre with multidisciplinary activities happening throughout the year. The Centre is rooted firmly in the principles of academics, advocacy and action. It has five major focus areas: Courses and Instruction, Library and Documentation Services, Research and Publications, Consultancy and Collaborations, and Outreach Activities.

Center for Safeguarding and Human Formation (CS) is on the premises of De Nobili College, Pune. / It is open to persons of all walks of life. / DNC offers a location conducive to run such programs. / Various courses on human development are conducted/ and one of the strong focuses of the center is the safeguarding of minors and vulnerable adults. / Many training and ongoing formation courses are conducted here. / The center conducts research on various human development issues, / it also offers counselling services /- residential, by appointment and walk-ins./ The center for safeguarding and human formation serves as a resource, research and renewal space.

The Department of Psychology, Sophia College (AUTONOMOUS), Mumbai, has been offered as a specialisation at Sophia College since 1976 and is one of the most popular subjects offered at the degree level. To enhance student learning, regular lectures and interactive discussions are supplemented with guest lectures, debates, peer learning, documentaries, field visits and placements, student presentations, mini-research projects, workshops, intercollegiate participation at the local and national level, research collaborations with NGOs.

Majlis is a centre for rights discourse and legal initiatives to address issues of women and children facing violence. Registered as a Society and Public Trust in 1991, Majlis is a team of women lawyers and social workers who work for the protection and promotion of women and children's rights through legal representation, advocacy and training. It provides social and legal support to women and children who are victims of sexual violence. Majlis is based in Mumbai, Maharashtra, India.

Silver Innings, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India, since 2008, has been working towards creating an Elder and Dementia Friendly World where Ageing becomes a Positive and Rewarding Experience.

The Global Alliance for the Rights of Older People (GAROP) is a network of over 390 diverse civil society organisations from across the world who have come together to strengthen and promote the rights of older persons. We seek a world in which older people live free from discrimination and are able to fully enjoy their rights. We are united in our support for a new UN convention on the rights of older people. We are organising our 'Age With Rights' campaign to demand action to ensure that we can all age with our rights fully protected.

PATRON

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CONVENERS

**Dr. (Fr.) Konrad Noronha SJ, PhD. (USA), M.Th.,
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Sophia Centre for Women's Studies and
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Sr. Patricia D'Souza, M.A. (Psychology)
Head of the Department of Psychology,
Sophia College (AUTONOMOUS), Mumbai

Ms Ellen Graham
Secretariat Coordinator, Global Alliance for
the Rights of Older People

Registration link to attend the conference:
<https://forms.gle/3DBe76vmM2nXqPYU6>