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Open Lecture

on

Modern Child Rights: A Study in the Folly and Arrogance of the Welfare State.

by



Ms. Suranya Aiyar

Lawyer & Writer

Suranya Aiyar is a lawyer and mother-of-two based in New Delhi. She was educated at St Stephen's College (BA Hons Maths, 1995), Oxford University (BA Juris., 1997) and New York University (LL.M., 1998). She practiced as a lawyer in India first as a litigator from 1998 to 2004, and then as a corporate lawyer with J Sagar Associates till 2010 when she quit as partner to take care of her children. Since 2012, she has been helping pro bono families targeted by Western child protections agencies. She has also written a number of essays and papers criticizing the Western model of child rights. She recently launched a website on this issue called Save Your Children: All About How the Government and Child Rights NGOs Are Eyeing Your Kids (www.saveyourchildren.in). Suranya also writes and paints for children. In 2015, she started a self-published line of children's books written and illustrated by her called Mama Suranya Books.

Abstract

Suranya Aiyar will speak about what she claims is the deep human tragedy and loss wrought across the world by child protection regimes as promoted by misconceived policies of UNICEF, Save the Children and other powerful international child rights bodies. She will make the case that one of the key reasons for child protection systems growing into oppressive and predatory state agencies, is that when using the state machinery to act in relation to children, basic constitutional safeguards and checks and balances were ignored. Aiyar argues that this has created a classic situation of human rights violations, as would be found with any State-sponsored system having confiscatory and punitive powers that were unshackled by the legal restraints usual in modern democracies, such as of transparency, accountability, due process, fair hearing and natural justice.

"Philanthropic people lose all sense of humanity. It is their distinguishing characteristic."

– Oscar Wilde

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