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GUEST LECTURE

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Classroom XVII, T-3, 1st floor, West Wing
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Child Abuse: India's worst kept secret



SPEAKER

Mr. UTSAV BAINS
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Utsav Bains obtained his law degree from Panjab University, Chandigarh. He completed his schooling at Bhavan Vidyalaya, Chandigarh. During law school he worked under Prof. Shantha Sinha, Chairperson, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Government of India and Justice H.S. Bedi (Judge, Supreme Court of India). After completing his law degree, Utsav Bains worked as a consultant with the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), Government of India and Commonwealth Youth Programme (CYP), Asia Centre. He also worked for a brief period under Mr. Harsh Mander, member of the National Advisory Council.

He facilitated NCPCR's enquiry on child genitoplasty in Indore and dealt with complaints, including suo moto. As a state representative of the NCPCR, he submitted a report on the implementation of the Juvenile Justice Act in Chandigarh and Punjab. During his stint at the Commonwealth Youth Programme (CYP) Asia Centre, he supported the development of a framework for Youth Worker Associations aimed at professionalising the youth work sector in Commonwealth member states.

He assisted with research and documentation of several issues pertaining to the implementation of the Juvenile Justice Act and Child Protection policies. Utsav currently works as a lawyer at the Chandigarh High Court and recently secured a sanction for a legal aid project for rape victims. He routinely writes for newspapers and appears as a guest speaker and expert on news programmes.

The seminar will provide a firsthand account of his role as a researcher and advocate where he investigates violence against young people and children and works for their protection. The talk will also include a screening of a documentary documenting the violation of children's rights. This talk will be of particular interest to students who are interested in working on children's rights and or women's rights. Time will also be reserved for students who would like to become involved in a semester long research project to talk to Utsav about the requirements and commitments needed to join this project.

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