Human Rights Education

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In this presentation, Professor Bajaj will discuss how human rights education has influenced policy, pedagogy, and practice in contemporary India. She will present findings from a larger research project that examined how human rights education has been contested and received by policy actors, educators, human rights activists, and students in India over the past three decades. She will also discuss the ways in which human rights lawyers and advocates envision and have designed educational initiatives as integral to the broader advancement of human rights in India.