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The Tata Institute of Social Sciences

The Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), established in 1936 in Mumbai, is a leading institution of higher education and research in India, specializing in social sciences, social work, and public policy. TISS is committed to addressing social inequalities and advancing human development, social justice, and human rights through interdisciplinary education, research, and community engagement. TISS works with government agencies, civil society organizations, and communities to inform policy and develop responses to pressing social challenges. Its academic and research programs span areas including criminology and justice, child and family welfare, gender, public health, and social development. Its 90th anniversary in 2026, *Navati*, reflects its continued commitment to advancing socially responsive knowledge and strengthening national and international collaborations.

Prayas

Prayas is a field action project of the Centre for Criminology and Justice, School of Social Work at TISS Mumbai. Established in 1990, Prayas works towards the rehabilitation and social reintegration of individuals affected by or in contact with the Criminal Justice System (CJS). Its work focuses particularly on women in conflict with the law, young persons in conflict with the law, children of incarcerated parents, women leaving commercial sexual exploitation, and other vulnerable groups. Prayas provides psychosocial support, counselling, legal assistance, educational support, family interventions, and rehabilitation services through its work in police stations, courts, prisons, observation homes, government institutions, and community settings. It also undertakes research, documentation, training, and policy advocacy to address the needs and rights of people affected by the criminal justice system.

Children of Incarcerated Caregivers



Children of Incarcerated Caregivers (CIC) is a non-governmental organization committed to promoting the rights and well-being of children affected by the incarceration of a parent or other caregiver. CIC leads the Global Prison Nursery Network (GPNN), a coalition of researchers, practitioners, and advocates working to improve outcomes for the estimated 19,000 children living in prison with a parent globally. CIC and the GPNN work to promote child-focused judicial decision making at the pretrial and sentencing stages of criminal legal proceedings when a parent is facing incarceration. This has included extensive research on the harms of parental incarceration, community-based alternatives to incarceration, and laws that mandate or allow for the consideration of the child's best interest. Most recently, CIC has focused on the pretrial period due to the unique harms associated with pretrial detention and the lack of current research and attention dedicated to this period. Working alongside global experts, CIC advocates for improved conditions for pregnant women and children in detention. CIC works with its partners to promote these standards and raise awareness of the rights and needs of this vulnerable and often invisibilized population through advocacy before United Nations mechanisms and other international human rights monitoring bodies.

Inaugural Address

Olivia Rope
Executive Director,
Penal Reform International



Olivia Rope is a recognised leader in criminal justice reform and a human rights expert with more than a decade of experience advancing international standards and accountability in justice systems worldwide. She works closely with governments, oversight bodies, civil society and multilateral institutions to strengthen rights-based approaches to etention and community sanctions.

Appointed Executive Director of Penal Reform International (PRI) in 2020, she has shaped global policy discussions on imprisonment, decriminalisation of poverty and gender-responsive justice. She has led high-level advocacy at international and regional levels on detention, torture prevention, women in criminal justice systems, and alternatives to imprisonment. Olivia has authored and overseen influential research and policy publications and developed practical training curricula for diverse stakeholders

She is regularly invited to speak and advise on rule of law, justice and human rights issues. A qualified lawyer, she holds an LL.M. in International and European Human Rights Law from the University of Amsterdam and was admitted as a Barrister and Solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand.

Guest of Honour



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mahesh Chandra Tripathi

Chief Justice, Bombay High Court and Patron-in-Chief, Maharashtra State Legal Services Authority

Justice Mahesh Chandra Tripathi earned his law degree from Lucknow University in 1990. He enrolled as an Advocate in 1992 and developed a practice focused on civil and constitutional law. He served as Additional Chief Standing Counsel for the State of Uttar Pradesh and represented several public authorities, including the Kanpur Nagar Nigam, Kanpur Development Authority, Agra Development Authority, and Kumaun University. He was elevated to the Allahabad High Court as an Additional Judge in September 2013 and became a Permanent Judge in April 2015. In September 2026, he was appointed Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court.

Keynote Address

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vikram Nath

Judge, Supreme Court of India and Executive Chairperson, National Legal Services Authority of India



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vikram Nath took oath as a permanent Judge of the Allahabad High Court in 2006. After serving in the Allahabad High Court for fifteen years, he was appointed Chief Justice of the Gujarat High Court in 2019. During his tenure as Chief Justice of the Gujarat High Court, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Nath introduced live-streaming of court proceedings, making him the first Chief Justice of a High Court in India to do so. his initiative marked an important step towards the use of technology to enhance transparency and public access to judicial proceedings. He was elevated as a Judge of the Supreme Court of India in 2021. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vikram Nath has also held significant responsibilities in the administration of justice and the legal-services framework. He served as Chairman of the Supreme Court Legal Services Committee and, since May 2025 has served as Chairperson of the 2025 e-Committee of the Supreme Court of India overseeing the use of information and communication across the Indian judiciary. In 2025, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vikram Nath assumed office as Executive Chairman of the National Legal Services Authority. He also serves as Chairman of the Mediation and Conciliation Project Committee, which works towards the development and strengthening of mediation as a mode of dispute resolution across the country. In these capacities, he has been associated with initiatives concerning access to justice, free legal aid, legal awareness, mediation and other forms of alternative dispute resolution, particularly for vulnerable and marginalised sections of society.

What Happens to Children When Mothers Are Arrested and Detained?

Pushpa Basnet



Pushpa Basnet is a renowned Nepali social worker and child rights advocate, best known for her lifelong dedication to supporting children whose parents are incarcerated. She is the founder of the Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC) and Butterfly Home, through which she has worked to ensure that children affected by parental imprisonment have access education, healthcare, care, protection, and a safe and nurturing environment. Her journey began with a commitment to helping children living in prisons, which gradually grew into a broader movement focused on protecting their rights and creating opportunities for a better future. Through her tireless work, Basnet has supported thousands of children and families, both inside prisons and after children are reintegrated into their communities. In recent years, her work has also expanded to juvenile correction homes throughout Nepal, where she is committed to improving the wellbeing, dignity, and future prospects of children and young people in conflict with the law by supporting their education, hygiene, healthcare, creative activities, skills development, and rehabilitation. Her contributions to child welfare have received national and international recognition. Through her continued dedication to children in some of the most vulnerable circumstances, Basnet remains a strong advocate for child rights and an inspiration for positive social change in Nepal.

Miaomiao He



Miaomiao He is a PhD candidate in the Department of Social Work at Monash University, Australia. Her research examines the experiences of children affected by parental and caregiver arrest, with a particular focus on developing child-sensitive and trauma-informed policing responses. Using a mixed-methods approach, her doctoral research brings together lived experience of parental arrest, police officers, and professionals working with children and families to identify opportunities for improving practice and policy. He's work centres on children's rights and wellbeing within criminal justice systems. She is committed to translating research into policy and practice to improve outcomes for children affected by justice system involvement.

- The Impact of Witnessing Parental Arrest on Children: A Scoping Review (2025)
- Protect and Prosecute: A Post-Structural Analysis of Police Policies on Responding to Children of Arrestees in Australia (2026)

Reena Jaiswar



Reena Jaiswar is a social work professional at Prayas, with nearly 25 years of experience in child protection, prison-based social work, community work and emergency intervention. She began her professional journey with Aasara Kalyan Childline 1098 and later worked with Niramaya Health Foundation as a Health Worker. She joined Prayas in 2008 and as been working extensively with women in prison and children affected by parental incarceration. Her work includes case management, counselling, child protection, legal aid, education, documentation, family reunification, rehabilitation and reintegration, as well as coordination with government departments, Child Welfare Committees, legal services authorities, police and other agencies. She is particularly experienced in handling emergency situations and developing safety and risk-management plans during field interventions. She holds a B.A. and an M.S.W. and is currently pursuing an LL.B.

Jaiswar's field-based work at Kalyan District Prison (Aadharwadi) involves supporting women in custody and addressing the needs of their children through child protection interventions, family tracing and reunification, education support, documentation, birth registration, legal aid, counselling and coordination with service providers.

Moderated by

Apurva Vivek



Apurva Vivek is the Founder-Director of Hashiya Socio-Legal Centre for Women. With a degree in law from Christ University, Bengaluru and a Master's in Social Work from the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai, her work lies at the intersection of gender based violence, society, and the law. Her engagement with incarcerated women began in 2013, when she started conducting English classes in a Women's Ward inside a prison. Through her interactions with the women, she recognised the need for accessible legal support, mental health awareness, and rehabilitative initiatives within custodial settings. This understanding led her to establish Hashiya in 2022, with the aim of supporting incarcerated women in accessing their rights, strengthening their well-being, and facilitating their rehabilitation and reintegration into society. She has also been actively engaged in advancing women's reproductive rights and will continue working alongside marginalised women in different capacities.

Hashiya advocates for women's reproductive rights and healthcare in custody, contributing to the inclusion of a dedicated reproductive healthcare chapter in the Jharkhand Jail Manual. Its compendium of the Jail Manual brings together relevant rules and judicial decisions concerning women, children, and prison staff.

Considering Caregiving in Bail Decisions

Medha Deo



Medha Deo is the Director of the Fair Trial Programme (Programme) at The Square Circle Clinic, NALSAR University of Law (earlier known as Project 39A, NLU Delhi). She has led the strategy, design and implementation of the Programme since its inception in 2018. Her work builds on over a decade of experience in legal intervention, policy advocacy, and programme design. Across her practice, she combines on-the-ground intervention with systemic engagement and public discourse to advance fair trial rights, reduce barriers in criminal justice, and promote evidence-based reform. Deo's professional experience includes establishing and managing government-supported responses to violence against women at the Resource Centre for Violence Against Women at TISS, Mumbai and documenting custodial deaths and access to justice challenges as a TISS Fellow. In her early professional career, she worked as a Corporate M&A Lawyer at J.Sagar Associates, Mumbai.

- Legal Aid for Undertrial Prisoners: Report of the Fair Trial Programme in Pune and Nagpur
- Prisons, Courts, and Legal Aid: Experience of the Fair Trial Programme in Maharashtra
- Legal Representation for Undertrials in Maharashtra

Maya Sikand KC



Maya Sikand KC is a senior barrister at Doughty Street Chambers in London specialising in State accountability across public and private law. She started her working life as an advocate and campaigner for women and girls fleeing domestic violence, sexual abuse, forced marriages and other exploitation in the NGO sector. This experience means she brings an intersectional approach to her work with a commitment to providing a voice to the marginalised. She has recently co-authored a *Legal Toolkit on Representing Pregnant Women and Mothers in the Criminal Justice System,* in collaboration with the campaign group Level Up. She is an editor of the leading criminal textbook *Archbold* and a contributor to *Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery: Law and Practice* (Bloomsbury Professional, Second Edition, 2020). She sits as a Recorder (part-time judge) in the criminal courts.

Representing Pregnant Women and Mothers in the Criminal Justice System: A Legal Toolkit (2025)

This legal toolkit is designed to equip lawyers with the core legal arguments, tools and resources to effectively represent pregnant women and mothers of infants at all stages of the criminal justice process including bail, sentencing and appeals against sentence.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Anoop Chitkara



Specialising in criminal law, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Anoop Chitkara has contributed to judicial process reform and the use of technology in the justice system. In January 2014, as a member of the Criminal Process Re-engineering Team of the Himachal Pradesh High Court in Shimla, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Chitkara presented the details of the Criminal Process Re-engineering initiative to the Supreme Court of India. From January 2023 to November 2024, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Chitkara served on the Supreme Court's e-Committee Monitoring and Implementation Committee for Phase III of the e-Courts Project. Since December 2025, he has served on the Supreme Court's Artificial Intelligence Committee, appointed by the Chief Justice of India. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Chitkara has also co-developed an algorithm-based, AI-assisted sentencing calculator to support proportionate sentencing for small and intermediate quantities of drugs under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985. The tool provides judges with a numerical starting point, allowing them to then exercise their discretion in weighing aggravating and mitigating factors during sentencing

In the judgements, Monika (2021), Naina (2024), and Veena Yadav (2024), Hon'ble Mr. Justice Chitkara places motherhood and the welfare of the child at the center of bail jurispruence.

"Together, these rulings reflect my belief that incarcerating a mother also punishes her child, and that courts can prevent this through timely bail, suspension of sentence and a compassionate reading of the law."

Moderated by

Julie Matonich



Julie Matonich is a trial lawyer and the co-founder and board president of Children of Incarcerated Caregivers (CIC). In her private law practice, she represents children and pregnant women harmed by inadequate medical care. She also has over ten years of experience as a criminal defense attorney, representing several clients who were parents of young children. In 2015, Julie co-founded CIC to advocate with parents in the criminal legal system. Working with law students and stakeholders, locally and globally, she uses her combined experience in criminal defense and plaintiff's medical-legal cases to advocate for child-centered decision making in criminal cases involving a parent and for improved medical care and conditions for pregnant women and children living with mothers in prisons and detention facilities globally. In 2024 and 2025, she was a co-instructor of the Parental Incarceration and Children's Human Rights Seminar at the University of Minnesota.

- Essential standards for perinatal care of women and children living in prison (2026)
- To Prison, With Mom: International Due Process Issues for Children and Mothers Posed by Prison Nurseries (2025)
- Mass Parental Incarceration and Sentencing Reform in Minnesota (2019)

Supporting Children Separated by Undertrial Detention

Monica Dhawan



Monica Dhawan is Director at India Vision Foundation and a social sector leader with 19 years of experience in prison reform, rehabilitation, reintegration, child protection, and community-based justice. She is a member of Penal Reform International's Global Alliance on Prison Reforms Steering Committee, representing Asia-Pacific. She has led and expanded reform initiatives across prisons in several Indian states. Her work spans education, psychosocial well-being, family support, recidivism prevention, fundraising, partnerships, and advocacy. Under her leadership, India Vision Foundation has strengthened lived-experience inclusion, creating opportunities to employ people who have experienced imprisonment as well as young people from families affected by parental imprisonment. With a masters degree in social work, Dhawan brings a practitioner-led perspective rooted in dignity, family resilience, reintegration, and second chances.

India Vision Foundation is a 32-year-old, non-profit, non-government organization that works to transform lives within and beyond prisons through interventions in correctional reform, education, vocational training, family support, women's empowerment, and rehabilitation. One of the key intervention areas of work includes supporting children affected by parental incarceration through education, mentoring, family strengthening, and community-based care.

Se Chhin



Since joining This Life in 2008, Se Chhin has led organisational operations, programme delivery, budgeting, reporting, partnerships and strategic development. His experience spans education, poverty alleviation and livelihoods, child protection and justice, health, gender equality, research, and monitoring, evaluation and learning. At This Life Chhin guides teams and partnerships working to prevent child–family separation strengthen family-based care, and advance justice reforms for children in conflict with the law and children affected by parental incarceration. He is a 2023 Obama Foundation Leader for Asia-Pacific and a YSEALI Professional Fellow, and holds degrees in education and language, public administration, and development policies and practices.

This Life works alongside children, families, and communities affected by poverty, family separation, and contact with the justice system in Cambodia. Since 2021, This Life's Child-Friendly Spaces program in Siem Reap Prison has supported 59 mothers and their 64 children.

K.R. Raja



K.R. Raja is an advocate practicing before the Madras High Court, Madurai Bench, a psychiatric social worker, prison-reform activist, de-facto guardian to the invisible children and co-founder of Global Network for Equality (GNE)–India. He holds a Master's degree in Social Work with specialization in Medical and Psychiatric Social Work, an M.A. in Criminology & Police Science, an LL.B., an LL.M. in Criminal Law from NALSAR University of Law, and an LL.M. in International Law and Justice, and is presently pursuing a PhD in Law. From 2013 to 2016, he served as a Psychiatric Counsellor at Palayamkottai Central Prison, providing psychosocial counselling to thousands of incarcerated persons.His experience inside prisons led him to focus particularly on the often-invisible impact of incarceration on children and families.

For more than a decade, he has worked to identify and support children affected by parental imprisonment and serious crime through education, scholarships, psychosocial support, legal assistance, family interventions and advocacy, while also pursuing wider prison and criminal-justice reforms through public-interest litigation.

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Since 2018, GNE-India has identified and supported more than 870 children affected by crime and parental incarceration, assisting children to return to school or college and access scholarships, fee waivers, trauma counselling and career guidance.

Moderated by

Roshni Nair-Shaikh



Roshni Nair-Shaikh, PhD, is a faculty with the Centre for Criminology and Justice, School of Social Work, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, (TISS), Mumbai, India. She has been engaged with social work practice, social work education, research and fieldwork supervision for the last thirty three years. Her research and teaching interests are themes related to child and youth rights, work with victims, NGO management, self- awareness and criminal justice social work. She was in charge of the Field Action Project, 'Criminal Justice Fellowship Program' which supported social work graduates to explore new ideas and interventions in Criminal Justice Social Work. She serves on the Board of two NGOs— Urja Trust that focuses on rehabilitation of homeless women and Meljol India that focuses on financial education for children.

Forced Separation: Children of Imprisoned Mothers An Exploration in Two Indian Cities (2002)

Screening of 'Bikhare Risthe'

Directed by Malati Rao

Bikhare Risthe is a short film produced by Prayas and narrates the story of an unnamed woman who is separated from her children when she goes to prison.

Moderated by

Vijay Raghavan



Vijay Raghavan works with the Centre for Criminology and Justice (CCJ), School of Social Work, TISS, and is currently a Professor with the Centre. He co-leads Prayas, a field action project of the CCJ, engaging with issues of protection of legal rights and social re-entry of prisoners, children in conflict with law and women in shelter homes. He also leads TANDA, a field action project of TISS, working on rights and entitlements of nomadic and de-notified tribes. He has been involved in training of criminal justice functionaries both at the state and national level on issues such as gender, human rights, prisoners' rights, correctional laws, anti-trafficking, and re-entry of crime affected persons. He has been a member of various prison reform committees appointed by the government and the courts. His primary areas of work include custodial justice and prison reforms, correctional social work, probation, alternatives to imprisonment, rehabilitation of custodial populations and anti-human trafficking.

Mothers and Children Living Together Inside Prisons

Ambika Satkunanathan



Ambika Satkunanathan is a human rights advocate based in Sri Lanka. For twenty five years she has worked with persons and communities impacted by human rights violations and assisted them to access remedies. From October 2015 to March 2020, she was a Commissioner of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka, where she led the first national study of prisons. Prior to that, she was a Legal Advisor to the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. She is a Board Member of the UN Voluntary Trust Fund for Victims of Torture, a member of the Membership Council of Penal Reform International, the Network of Experts of the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organised Crime and the Steering Committees of the Just Futures Collaborative and the CSO Coalition on Human Rights and Counter Terrorism. Her research, advocacy and activism have focused on on counter-terrorism law and policy, drug control and rehabilitation, transitional justice, custodial violence, penal policy, militarization and gender. Her research on drug control, detention and rehabilitation in Sri Lanka, the first such study, was published in August 2021 by Harm Reduction International. Her publications include contributions to the *International Journal of Transitional Justice*, the *Oxford Handbook of Gender & Conflict*, the *Routledge Handbook on Human Rights in South Asia*, *Feminist Studies and Contemporary South Asia*. She was an Open Society Fellow from 2020-2022. She has a B.A. and LL.B from Monash University Australia and a LL.M from University of Nottingham, where she was a Chevening Scholar.

Broken System: A Study on Drug Control, Detention and Treatment of Persons Who Use Drugs in Sri Lanka (2021)

Rachna Narwekar



Rachna Narwekar is an early years specialist, remedial therapist, curriculum and pedagogy expert, and founder of Rachna's Funclub and Rachna's Funclub Foundation. With over 25 years of experience in early childhood care and education, she has been committed to creating joyful, inclusive, and developmentally enriching learning environments for children across Maharashtra. She founded Rachna's Funclub, an experiential learning centre in South Mumbai, The Den – Library & Resource, a thoughtfully curated space that promotes literacy, creativity, and meaningful parent-child engagement through books and play, and the flagship Little Clubbers' Festival. Narwekar's work extends beyond mainstream education to children facing significant social and developmental vulnerabilities. She is a founding member of the citizens' committee that established Maharashtra's first prison crèche at Byculla Jail and continues to work closely with the Maharashtra Police and community volunteers through Rachna'sFunclub Foundation to develop and replicate child-centred early childhood interventions across prisons in Maharashtra. Through the Nanhe Kadam Prison Crèches, she has pioneered a curriculum and pedagogy specifically designed to respond to the social-emotional, cognitive, and developmental needs of children living in prison with their incarcerated mothers. Her work in this area has also taken her internationally, including to Seoul, South Korea, where she represented India and shared the Nanhe Kadam model. As a certified learning-difficulties coach and remedial therapist, Narwekar also works with children with ADHD, autism, dyslexia, and other learning challenges. Her work across education, advocacy, curriculum design, and prison-based early childhood care is grounded in a firm belief that every child—regardless of circumstance—has the right to dignity, care, play, learning, and the opportunity to thrive.

Moderated by

Stuti Shah



Dr. Stuti Shah is a legal sociologist whose research examines the intersection of care and carcerality through the lenses of reproductive justice and law and political economy. Her current research focuses on the informal and gendered care work performed by women in state-run detention facilities. She is also working on a policy brief on the establishment and operation of prison nurseries in the U.S., and on developing global consensus standards for perinatal care in prisons. Shah recently joined Emory Law's Center for Civil Rights and Social Justice as a postdoctoral fellow, after receiving her master's in law and doctorate in law from Columbia University and completing a Fulbright research fellowship. She received her bachelor's degree in law from NALSAR University of Law in India.

- Beyond Caste Carcerality: Re-Imagining Justice in Sexual Violence Cases (2025)
- Accidental Carceral Subjects: Reassessing the Prison Nursery Model in India (2025)
- Prisons, Patriarchy, and Parenthood: Reproductive Injustice as Double Punishment (2026)
- Beyond Criminalization: Analyzing the Limits of Law in Addressing Marital Rape and Domestic Violence (2026)
- Incarcerated Women and their Children in Indian Prisons (2024)

Joshua Page



Joshua Page is a professor of sociology, law, and public affairs at the University of Minnesota. His research focuses on the politics of crime and punishment, bail and pretrial justice, and the financialization of government agencies and operations. He is the author of *The Toughest Beat: Politics, Punishment, and the Prison Officer Unions in California*, and co-author of *Breaking the Pendulum: The Long Struggle over Criminal Justice* and *Legal Plunder: The Predatory Dimensions of Criminal Justice*. Page is a member of the Minnesota Justice Research Center's Research Steering Committee, and he is the co-author of MNJRC's report, *Toward Safety, Liberty, and Equity: A Community-Centered Framework for Redesigning Minnesota's Pretrial System*.

- The Toughest Beat: Politics, Punishment, and the Prison Officer Unions in California (2011)
- Breaking the Pendulum: The Long Struggle over Criminal Justice (2017)
- Legal Plunder: The Predatory Dimensions of Criminal Justice (2025)
- Toward Safety, Liberty, and Equity: A Community-Centered Framework for Redesigning Minnesota's Pretrial System (2025)

Surekha Sale



Surekha Sale is currently serving as the Assistant Director of Prayas, a field action project of the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai. She has been associated with Prayas for the past 30 years and has extensive experience working on issues concerning children of incarcerated parents. Her professional experience includes field-level interventions, research, and policy-level advocacy. She has been actively involved in addressing the challenges faced by children affected by parental incarceration, with a particular focus on their rights, education, well-being, and social support. Her work also involves engaging with government departments, institutions, and other stakeholders to strengthen support systems for these children. She holds a Masters degree from the Tata Institute of Social Sciences and a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.).

One of the significant areas of Prayas' work is supporting children of incarcerated parents. Sale has been actively involved in this area for three decades. She is associated with a Prayas research study on the forced separation of children from their incarcerated mothers, covering two cities in India. The study focuses on understanding the experiences and challenges faced by these children following separation from their mothers and examining the support systems available to them.

Sharli Mudaliyar



Sharli Mudaliyar is a Doctoral Scholar at the School of Social Work, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, India, and holds postgraduate degrees in Law and Social Work. Her doctoral research examines dual victimisation at the intersection of drug use and sex trafficking. Since 2013, she has worked in criminal justice social work and grassroots research with marginalised populations, particularly victims of human trafficking and incarcerated populations. Mudaliyar's research expertise includes qualitative research and social network analysis, with a focus on trafficking, incarceration, forced criminality, and criminal justice responses. She follows a praxis-based approach, connecting field experience with social work education and policy engagement.

- Social Work with Children of Prisoners (2024)
- Legal Aid to Undertrial Prisoners in Maharashtra: A Socio-Legal Intervention Model in the Criminal Justice System (2023)
- Criminalization of Undertrial Prisoners in the Context of Specific Offences: Social Work Responses to Marginalization (2024)

Moderated by

Sharon Menezes



Dr. Sharon Menezes is faculty with the Centre for Criminology and Justice (CCJ), School of Social Work (SSW), TISS, Mumbai, since 2010. Prior to this, she was with Prayas: Social Work in Criminal Justice, a field action project of the CCJ, SSW, TISS, since 1995. Engagements with Prayas continue as Joint Project Director. She has a Master of Arts in Social Work (with Specialisation in Criminology and Correctional Administration) and Ph.D. in Social Work from TISS, Mumbai. Dr. Menezes' engagements in teaching, training, field practice and research have been focused on social work methods, women and children in custody and institutions, human trafficking for commercial sexual exploitation, procedural justice, and rehabilitation and social re-integration of individuals, groups and communities involved in or vulnerable to crime, commercial sexual exploitation, stigma and destitution.

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