

**Sikh Human Rights Group's proposal for a side event during the 56<sup>th</sup> session of the  
Commission on Population and Development**

**Pluriversal Epistemologies to Support Sustainable Development in Diverse Populations**

As population numbers grow and the demography increasingly becomes heterogenous and diverse with people from different cultures, different backgrounds and different neuroabilities living in closed proximity, it is vital that education is also plural, integrating, assist individual development in diverse communities and sensitive to benefit all.

It is established now that teaching mother tongue along with national language leads to enhanced intelligence among children. It is also acknowledged that appropriately sensitive education for children with different neuroabilities and raising community awareness about neurodiversity helps in better integration of these children within communities and improves their opportunities in life. Further it is evident from the success of some countries that where multiple national communities exist within a State, a plural approach to language, education and even constitutional arrangement reduces tensions and better coexistence.

Educational systems should try to develop pluriversal and cross-cultural epistemologies for educating diverse populations as population numbers not only grow but populations become diverse. The event will look at a plurinational model, the advantages of mother tongue education, the methods of integrating neurodiverse children and the idea of 'unconditional humanities' where children start to think beyond individual communities or cultural boundaries.

**Panelists**

- Prof. Arvind-Pal S. Mandair, University of Michigan
  - Prof. Darryl Macer, American University of Sovereign Nations
  - Assistant Professor Renata Leitao, Cornell University
  - Rajnarind Kaur
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- Iván Lorenci de Francisco, Sikh Human Rights Group, moderator

### **Date**

12<sup>th</sup> April 2023, 13h15'

### **Venue**

866 United Nations Plaza, Suite 120, Medium Room

New York, NY 10017

### **Zoom link**

SHRG - BSCF - SWRT is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Pluriversal Epistemologies to Support Sustainable Development in Diverse Populations

Time: Apr 12, 2023 01:15 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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