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Fee Wars : Understanding Parents' Associations through their fight for fee regulation of private schools in India

by



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Abstract

In the past few years, the national media has reported protests led by Parents' Associations across India on issues ranging from fee hikes to violation of RtE clauses. In 2018, at least three cases have been filed by Parents' Associations - two urging rollback of and restrictions against fee hike by a private school, and the other demanding a probe for a CBSE paper leak. Even as these bodies are receiving issue-based media attention acknowledging them as a growing activist force capable of holding governments accountable, there is negligible credible information about the organisations themselves available in the public domain or in academic scholarship. *How did these associations form? What is their legal status? How are they funded? Who do they include and represent, and conversely who do they not? How do they mobilise? What are their strategies of resistance? How do they network with each other?* In brief, who are they and how do they work. In my research project, I shall pursue this line of questioning to uncover the nature and dynamics of these organisations which continue to be a 'black box' to public knowledge.

Short Bio of Speaker

Joyeeta Dey is a final year student in the Erasmus Mundus Masters in Education Policies for Global Development (GLOBED). Her ongoing personal research is on Parents' Associations in India and their fight for fee regulation of private educational institutions. She also works as a consultant on a DFID-ESRC funded research project on accountability relations within the education system at the school, community and bureaucracy level. She has previously been with Amartya Sen's Pratichi Institute in West Bengal for three years as a qualitative researcher on a diverse range of projects from Tripura's Human Development Report to a study on 'Women and Work' led by Naila Kabeer. Alongside, she has created educational materials and conducted workshops for Peaceworks, Seagull Foundation for the Arts, for their teacher training and content development project 'History For Peace'. Her academic training has been in Philosophy (B.A, St. Stephen's College) and Sociology of Education (M.A, IOE-University College London). Her areas of interest include globalization and education, critical pedagogy, research methodologies for working with children, among others.

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