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The Economic and Political Development Concentration and Gender Policy Working Group at SIPA invite you to a discussion with

Urvashi Sahni
Founder, President and CEO of the Study Hall Education Foundation in India, and Global Scholar at the Center for Universal Education, The Brookings Institution

Undoing Gender in School: A Story from India

Thursday, September 27, 2012
1:00-2:00pm
Room 1302, IAB

Study Hall Educational Foundation aims to bring the benefits of education to all levels of society throughout India by establishing primary and secondary schools, teacher training institutions, open school classes, vocational training programs and adult literacy programs. As president and CEO of the foundation, Urvashi Sahni has established three K-12 schools, serving 3,000 students including middle class urban children, disadvantaged girls from poor areas and rural children. She is also the co-founder and director of The Digital StudyHall, supported by an Ashoka fellowship, which extends the pedagogical practices developed by the foundation to rural and urban schools in Uttar Pradesh and throughout India. At the Brookings Center for Universal Education, Dr. Sahni’s research focuses on evaluating her institution’s model, and seeking to reform and scale up girls’ education programs by way of digital programming. She holds a Ph.D. and M.A. in education from the University of California, Berkeley. She also received an M.A. in philosophy from the University of Lucknow, India and a B.A. in political science from the University of Pune, India.