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DOMESTIC ECONOMIC ABUSE: MONEY WITHOUT MORALITY BECOMES A MEDIUM OF ABUSE

Abstract:

Economic abuse is family violence hidden in plain sight. My study of Anglo-Celtic and Indian women in Australia shows that money across cultures becomes a medium of abuse when it is used without morality. This is when men (most often) deny a woman money, appropriate her assets, and sabotage her paid work. We have much to learn about preventing economic abuse. We know the first step is to name economic abuse. Women and men need to recognise that economic abuse is a means of coercive control, to take away a woman's human rights and agency. One in three women globally, rich and poor, suffer family violence. Most experience economic abuse. We also know it is important to talk of money as a medium of relationship with your partner across life stages and with your children. We still need to learn from each other how men and women across cultures and socio-economic divides can use money as a medium of freedom.

The Speaker:

Professor Supriya Singh is a writer and a sociologist of money. She has researched how money has shaped and is shaped by gender, marriage, banking, technology, migration, technology, globalization, and family violence. Her recent books are *Domestic Economic Abuse* (2021), *A House over the Diamond Creek* (2021), *Money, Migration and Family: India to Australia* (2016), *Globalization and Money: A Global South Perspective* (2013), and *The Girls Ate Last* (2013). Supriya is Honorary Professor at the Graduate School of Business and Law at the RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia.