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with simultaneous interpretation in French

# PRACTICING EDUCATIONS

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In both her work and her practice, **Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak** focuses on access to education as a basic material condition for breaking down class solidarities and giving a voice to the invisible. In particular, she defends the importance of applying philosophy as a critical approach and a condition for liberation facing oppression.

Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak's work challenges and pushes us to the limits, inviting us to criticise, deconstruct and become aware of our way of being in the world and the power relations for which we are responsible, forcing us to question our most deeply held principles.

## BIOGRAPHY

**Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak** is one of the leading figures in subaltern studies, a discipline that aims to give a voice to populations ignored by official history. As professor of comparative literature, she is involved in a wide range of educational activities in the USA, India and Africa. She launched one of the most hotly debated areas of contemporary criticism and post-colonial studies in the world. She has published numerous books, including the essential *Can the Subaltern Speak?* and *Nationalism and the Imagination*. She describes herself as a «Marxist-feminist-deconstructionist» and a campaigner for rural education. She has received numerous awards, including the Kyoto Prize.