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Children's Rights: theories and methodologies

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1. Theme and Scope

The Centre for Children's Rights at Queen's University Belfast is delighted to host the 6th Children's Rights Research Symposium (CRRS) for doctoral researchers and their supervisors. This year's theme for the symposium is *Children's Rights: theories and methodologies*.

Despite the progress made in the field of children's rights, there are those who believe that children's rights have failed to secure a comprehensive intellectual base, and who criticise the apparent under-theorisation and conceptual foundations for such rights; there is need for a fuller theoretical justification. This reflects calls – particularly in Childhood studies – for more innovative methodologies to correspond with the messiness of children's lived experiences. Through a combination of paper presentations, and plenary sessions, this year's symposium wishes to focus attention on the theories and methodologies which underpin children's rights studies. We are thrilled to welcome both Emeritus Professor David Archard from Queen's University, Belfast, and Associate Professor Kylie Smith from the University of Melbourne as our guest speakers to explore and draw out these underlying theories and methodologies. We are also very excited to welcome our presenters and observers, and look forward to examining how researchers traverse both theoretical and methodological frameworks in the broad range of disciplines to which children's rights pertain.

We look forward to exploring these issues with you soon in Belfast!

Amy Brown, Antje Ruhmann, Laura Lundy and Bronagh Byrne

2. Programme

Wednesday, 03 October 2018

- 19.00** **Welcome - Social Evening (optional)**
The Five Points, 44 Dublin Road, Belfast BT2 7HN

Thursday, 04 October 2018

- 09.30 – 12.00** **Black Cab Tour (optional)**
The political murals of the Falls and the Shankill Roads tell their own story of the conflict in Northern Ireland, now known as “The Troubles”. See the infamous Peaceline, a wall built to keep Nationalist and Loyalist communities apart.
- 13.00 – 14.00** **Buffet Lunch**
The Old Staff Common Room, located at the corner of the Main University Building (Lanyon Building)
- The afternoon takes place in The Senate Room, located in the Main University Building (Lanyon Building) – see 4.2 for more information!**
- 14.00 – 14.15** **Welcome and Opening**
Professor Laura Lundy, Co-Director of the Centre for Children’s Rights and Professor in the School of Social Sciences, Education and Social Work at Queen’s University, Belfast
- 14.15 – 14.45** **Keynote: ‘Article 12: What exactly does it mean?’**
Emeritus Professor David Archard, School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics at Queen’s University, Belfast
- 14.45 – 15.45** **Panel I: Addressing the “under-theorisation” of children’s rights**
Main Focus: Children’s Rights and Knowledge
Presenters: Maude Louviot, Antje Ruhmann, Diana Volonakis
- 15.45 – 16.15** **Coffee Break**
- 16.15 – 17.15** **Panel I: Addressing the “under-theorisation” of children’s rights (ctd.)**
Main Focus: The concepts of culture and gender in the child rights discourse
Presenters: Stephanie Coker, Hannah Hirst, Tracy Kirk
- 17.15 – 17.30** **Closing Remarks**
Dr Bronagh Byrne, Co-Director of the Centre for Children’s Rights and Lecturer in the School of Social Sciences, Education and Social Work, Queen’s University, Belfast
- 19.00** **Social Evening & Dinner**
Location to be confirmed

Friday, 05 October 2018

This day takes place at The Canada Room/Council Chamber and the Old Staff Common Room in the Main University Building (Lanyon Building) – see 4.2 for more information!

- 09.00 – 09.15** **Welcome**
Amy Brown, PhD Student, Queen’s University, Belfast
- 09.15 – 09.45** **Keynote: Where rights meet methodologies**
Associate Professor Kylie Smith, Melbourne Graduate School of Education at the University of Melbourne.
- 09.45 – 10.45** **Panel II: Innovative methodologies to correspond with children’s lived experiences**
Main Focus: Involving children in PhD research
Presenters: Amy Brown, Elizabeth Ngutuku, Katrina Miles
- 10.45 – 11.00** **Coffee Break**
- 11.00 – 12.20** **Panel II: Innovative methodologies to correspond with children’s lived experiences (ctd.)**
Main Focus: Gaining new insights from jurisdiction
Presenters: Jessica Brennan, Fanni Muranyi, Vito Bumbaca, Lovina Emejulu
- 12.20 – 13.00** **Symposium Moot**
Keynote Speakers are invited to wrap up their contributions in just 2 minutes – all participants are welcome to make a comment or ask a question to facilitate discussion of the symposium theme as a whole.
- 13.00 – 14.00** **Buffet Lunch**
- 14.00 – 14.45** **Evaluation session**
Supervisors and Presenters will go to separate areas to evaluate the symposium.
- 14.45 – 15.00** **Closing Remarks**
Dr Bronagh Byrne, Co-Director of the Centre for Children’s Rights and Lecturer in the School of Social Sciences, Education and Social Work, Queen’s University, Belfast
- 19.00** **Social Evening (for those who are still in Belfast)**
@Laura Lundy’s, address to be announced

3. Panel Sessions

Presenters will each have exactly 10 minutes for their presentation. After each presentation there will be 10 minutes for a discussion, starting with the comments from the responder.

Please make sure that you bring your PowerPoint Presentation on a USB stick and hand it over to Amy Brown or Antje Ruhmann during the first lunch break on Thursday!

Panel I: Addressing the “under-theorisation” of children’s rights

Main Focus: Children’s Rights and Knowledge

Presenters:

Maude Louviot, Children’s rights education : Inter- and transdisciplinary approach in primary school context in Switzerland, University of Geneva, Switzerland

Antje Ruhmann, Applying a children's rights-based approach in research at a global scale, Queen’s University Belfast, UK

Diana Volonakis, Historicizing girls’ industrial training and labour. A case study of the Waltham Watch Company (1874-1900), University of Geneva, Switzerland

Main Focus: The concepts of culture and gender in the child rights discourse

Presenters:

Stephanie Coker, The Dutiful Child and Child Protection in Multicultural Britain: A Children’s Rights Perspective, University of Leicester, UK

Hannah Hirst, Treating the Trans Youth, University of Liverpool, UK

Tracy Kirk, An Adolescent Theory of Rights, Northumbria University, UK

Panel II: Innovative methodologies to correspond with children’s lived experiences

Main Focus: Involving children in PhD research

Presenters:

Amy Brown, Young people's voice on student-teacher relationships and educational experiences prior to secure education, Queen’s University Belfast, UK

Elizabeth Ngutuku, Using Methodologies that Enable a Stop in Researching Children’s Experience, International Institute of Social Studies, The Netherlands

Katrina Miles, A Children’s Rights Approach to Sexual Activity in Adolescence: Placing Children and Young People’s Voices at the Centre, University of Liverpool, UK

Main Focus: Gaining new insights from jurisdiction

Presenters:

Jessica Brennan, The need for Child Friendly Procedures within the International Protection Framework, University College Cork, Ireland

Fanni Muranyi, The parental child - abduction cases from the perspective of the ombudsman and the court, ELTE University, Hungary.

Vito Bumbaca, Habitual residence: towards a child centred approach, University of Geneva, Switzerland

Lovina Emejulu, Children’s Voices in a Biased Child Rearing Cultural Context, Queen’s University Belfast

4. Practical Information

4.1 Transport to/from Belfast

Belfast is served by two airports: George Best Belfast City Airport and Belfast International Airport which are both linked to the city by regular bus services. Dublin International Airport is located approximately 100 miles to the south

a) Belfast International Airport

Located 13 miles (21 Kilometres) northwest of Belfast.

Getting from the airport to the City

- **By Bus:** The Airport Express Bus Service (Service 300) operates a regular service on weekdays and weekends. The bus leaves from the bus stop located opposite the terminal exit. [More information](#)
- **By Taxi:** The International Airport Taxi Company, official taxi operator for the Belfast International Airport, are available for hire 24 hours a day 7 days a week outside the right hand door of the airport Exit lobby. Only taxis approved by Belfast International Airport are permitted to use the taxi rank. A list of sample fares is displayed in the exit hall of the terminal building. A taxi share scheme to Belfast is available for those who wish to use it. For bookings, contact the Belfast International Airport Taxi Company on +44 (0)28 9448 4353. For more information and to book online visit www.belfastairporttaxis.com.

For additional travel arrangements visit the [Belfast International Airport Website](#)

b) George Best Belfast City Airport

Located just three miles (5 kilometres) from Belfast City Centre.

Getting from the airport to the City

- **By Bus:** The Airport Express Bus Service (Service 600) operates every 30 minutes Monday to Saturday and every 40 minutes on Sunday from outside the airport to the Belfast Europa Bus Centre adjacent to the Europa Hotel, in the heart of the city. The service, Airport Express 600, operates between 5.45am and 9.25pm.
- **By Train:** When travelling to the airport by train, you'll want to disembark at Sydenham train station. Translink operates a rail service (0600-2300) Monday-Saturday to Central and Victoria Street Stations every 20 minutes. The service is hourly on Sundays (0900-2200). Connections are available from Central Station to the rest of the rail network in Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic. A shuttle bus service operates between the airport terminal and the rail halt at Sydenham. Please go to the information desk and ask for the service. You'll be instructed to wait by the taxi rank where the shuttle bus will collect you.
- **By Taxi:** Approved taxis operate from the Airport taxi rank outside the terminal building. Wheel-chair accessible taxis are available. The approximate cost of a taxi to Belfast City Centre from Belfast City Airport with our approved taxi provider is £10.00 (including £2 surcharge). All fares are subject to a £2 surcharge). For more information or to book a taxi, (028) 90 809080 or visit the Value Cabs website.

For additional travel arrangements visit the [George Best Belfast City Airport Website](#)

c) Public transport to Queen's University

Queen's is a five minute walk from Botanic Train Station on the Bangor, Larne, Newry and Derry Londonderry lines. A connection to Dublin is just one stop away, via Belfast Central Station. Coach and bus services arrive at Great Victoria Street, which is also connected by rail (or alternatively is a ten-minute walk).

d) Additional information

You need more information about the campus? Then have a look at [the Campus Walkabout Guide!](#)

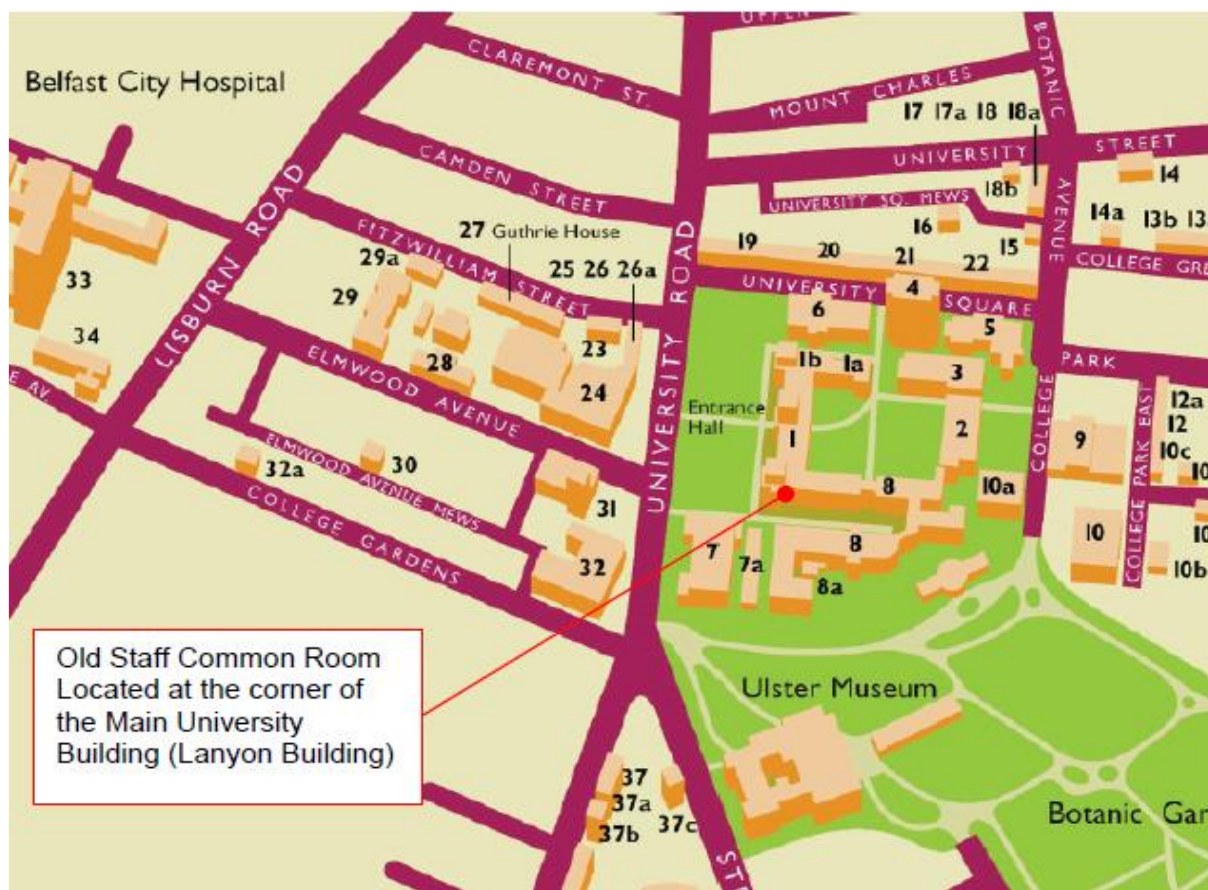
4.2 Venue

The CRRS 2018 will take place in three different rooms at the Main University Building (Lanyon Building), i.e. the Senate Room, the Old Staff Common Room and the Canada Room/Council Chamber as indicated in the maps below. If you need any additional information or help, please do not hesitate to contact the conference organisers!

The Lanyon Building



The Old Staff Common Room



For more information, please have a look at our [Campus Map](#)!

4.3 Social Media

We would like to continue our discussion around children's rights before, during and after the conference as well as engage with all those that cannot participate in Belfast but have interesting ideas and thoughts to share! So please use the following hashtag **#CCR** – Centre for Children's Rights – on twitter, Facebook and Instagram!

Please note that sharing pictures of participants needs their consent!

4.4 Dropbox

We have created a Dropbox folder that will be used to share our abstracts, presentations, recommended readings and any other information that may be useful for all of us! Please follow this link to download the information:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/iixg5ndxanaqwig/AAB0wrwskZbBvh47ciotizLYa?dl=0>

4.5 Cases of Emergency

In case of any emergency, please contact:

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Belfast City Hospital: +44 28 9032 9241

Mater Hospital: +44 28 9074 1211
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Royal Victoria Hospital (including children and maternity): +44 28 9024 0503

5. List of Participants

List of Participants - PhD Candidates

Name	University
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Brown, Amy	Queen's University Belfast, UK
Bumbaca, Vito	University of Geneva, Switzerland
Coker, Stephanie	University of Leicester, UK
Emejulu, Lovina	Queen's University Belfast
Hirst, Hannah	University of Liverpool, UK
Kirk, Tracy	Northumbria University, UK
Louviot, Maude	University of Geneva, Switzerland
Miles, Katrina	University of Liverpool, UK
Muranyi, Fanni	ELTE University, Hungary
Ngutuku, Elizabeth	International Institute of Social Studies, The Netherlands
Ruhmann, Antje	Queen's University Belfast, UK
Volonakis, Diana	University of Geneva, Switzerland

List of Participants - Observers

Name	University
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List of Participants - Supervisors

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