

EUROPEAN NETWORK OF MASTERS IN CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

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7TH EUROPEAN FORUM ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

**SUPPORTING CHILD PROTECTION
SYSTEMS THROUGH THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EU
AGENDA ON THE RIGHTS OF THE
CHILD**
13/11 to 14/11

Further information:
http://ec.europa.eu/justice/events/child-forum-2012/index_en.htm

**INTERNATIONAL WEEK AT
STOCKHOLM UNIVERSITY:**
26/11 to 30/11

**STUDY ABROAD FAIR AT STOCKHOLM
UNIVERSITY::**
27 /11
Further information:
<http://www.su.se/english/>

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Dear ENMCR network members and network interested,

In this issue we would like to draw your attention to the ENMCR activities and events, especially to the forthcoming Fair at the University of Stockholm and the past Conference dedicated to Janusz Korczak.

If you have any suggestions, comments and / or ideas for improving the newsletter you can use our email address: info@enmcr.net

Sincerely,
Rita Nunes (Editor)



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Universidade do Minho: Call for papers

The Institute of Education of the Universidade do Minho (ENMCR Member) promotes in March 2013 two events: the I. International Colloquium of Educational and Social Sciences and the III. Meeting of Sociology of Education. The focus of next year conferences is Non-Formal and Informal Education: Centralities and Peripheries.

The Conferences will debate current forms, contexts and educational processes and learning that have been developed especially in the peripheries of the education system and its interfaces. Another goal is to bring into debate theoretical approaches and dialogues that take place daily between the various actors that move and interact in the vast and heterogeneous field of Education. In this context, organizers seek papers addressing the symposium theme or one of the topics:

- Youngsters, experiences and learning
 - Social movements, environment and education
 - Research Methodologies in informal education
 - Cultures of childhood and everyday contexts
 - Technology and Learning Networks
- Abstracts should be sent via email in Portuguese to icicse-iiise@ie.uminho.pt.

Abstracts will be assessed according to the following criteria:

- a) Adjustment to the general theme of the colloquium
- b) Description of proposed subthemes
- c) Theoretical and conceptual explanation
- d) Short description of the methodology
- e) Conclusions and / or results.

Deadline:

Submission of Abstracts: January 6, 2013

Further information:

<http://www.ie.uminho.pt/ModuleLeft.aspx?mdl=~/Modules/UMEventos/EventoView.aspx&ItemID=6038&Mid=171&lang=pt-PT&pageid=3&tabid=0>

University of Edinburgh: Courses on research with Children and Young People

The Centre for Research on Families and Relationships (CRFR) at the University of Edinburgh (ENMCR Member) is offering three courses on research and consultation with children and young people.

The courses offered are:

- Involving Children and Young People in Research and Consultation (28/02/2013 to 01/03/2013);
- Using Creative Methods in Research with Children and Young People (21/03/2012 to 22/03/2013);
- Using Digital Media in Research with Children and Young People (18/04/2013 to 19/04/2013).

The courses will be delivered by Professor Kay Tisdall and Dr Susan Elsley, who have extensive experience in delivering education and training on research and consultation with children and young people.

Courses are offered as *blended learning* with 2 days at the University of Edinburgh, an active social network website with online resources and case study presentations from expert speakers. Courses are highly participative and aim to draw on participants' experience.

Further information:

<http://www.crfr.ac.uk/cpd/cpdindex.html>

International Symposium: JANUSZ KORCZAK: Children Rights Pioneer

The Polish educator Janusz Korczak not only verbalized and claimed children's rights but also lived and practiced them in two orphanages implementing a child republic in an impressive manner.

He is a pioneer of the today's children's rights convention on the Rights of the Child. In this day and age, his work represents a challenge to the theory and practice of children's rights.

On October 13, 2012 the Janusz Korczak symposium took place at the Free University Berlin in order to recognize the importance of Korczak's for the present and future

interpretation and implementation of children's rights.

The symposium focused on the discussion regarding Korczak's educational practice and his theoretical writings, novels and children's books.

This one-day symposium included Korczak contributions by researchers from Poland and Germany.

Furthermore, four workshops were held in parallel during the afternoon. The symposium was followed by the film "Korczak" by Andrzej Wajda.

The symposium was organized by students and Professors from the "European Master in Childhood Studies and Children's Rights" (EMCR) in cooperation and with the support of the Embassy of the Republic of Poland, the German Institute for Human Rights, the National Coalition for the Implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights in Germany, the Heinrich Böll Foundation, the Deutschen Kinderhilfswerk, the Rosa Luxembourg Foundation and the International Academy (INA) gGmbH

Stockholm University: International Week

The Stockholm University (ENMCR Member) will have an International Week, from November 26 to November 30, in order to promote studies abroad among their local students. During the International Week, the University is also organizing a Study Abroad Fair on November 27, 2012.

Further information:

<http://www.su.se/english/>

General News External

Ireland: Voting on children's rights

The electorate in Ireland will vote in a referendum designed to recognise the fundamental rights of children and to ensure their protection under the Constitution.

In exceptional cases of parental abuse or neglect, the State will be entitled to intervene.

In addition, all children will become eligible for adoption and their views will be taken into account when the Courts decide on such matters.

The aims of the referendum are limited, reflecting political concern that a radical approach might generate opposition from religious and conservative quarters and raise issues involving the family and traditional rights.

Because of that, Section 42 of the Constitution, which holds the rights of parents to be "antecedent and superior to all positive law", will remain untouched.

Nevertheless, children are finally being offered a voice, along with rights and formal constitutional protection.

Serbia: Coalition for Monitoring the Implementation of Child Rights

The Network of Civil Society organizations for Children-MODS with the support of Save the Children have formed the Coalition for Monitoring the Implementation of Child Rights in Serbia and launched an initiative for the adoption of the Law on ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a Communications Procedure. With this initiative, MODS and the Coalition for Monitoring the Implementation of Child Rights in Serbia hope that the Serbian Parliament would ratify the Protocol and confirm readiness for improving the protection of children's rights.

Pakistan: vaccine against childhood pneumonia

Pakistan is the first South Asian country to launch a vaccine against childhood pneumonia – a disease that takes the lives of approximately 1.3 million children globally before

their fifth birthday.

Pneumonia accounts for 18 percent of child mortality - the primary cause of death among young children globally.

In Pakistan, more than 352,000 children die before reaching their fifth birthday and almost one in five of these deaths are due to pneumonia. While the new pneumococcal vaccines cannot prevent every case of pneumonia, they do prevent a significant proportion of cases and therefore have the potential to save tens of thousands of lives from preventable sickness and death.

The introduction of the pneumococcal vaccine is an important milestone in the fight to reduce the burden caused by pneumonia in Pakistan.

Croatia: Non-Romani parents stop Roma children from attending pre-school programme

A group of Romani children were blocked from attending the first day of their pre-school programme because of a protest by non-Romani parents. The incident happened on 17 September 2012 at the primary school of Gornji Hrašćan.

More than 50 children were stopped from entering their new preschool facility by adult protesters. Although after this incident children have been able to attend the pre-school programme, tensions remain.

Nigeria: Saving One Million

Nigerian President Goodluck Ebele Jonathan launched the initiative Saving One Million Lives whose objective is to scale up access to essential primary health services and commodities for Nigeria's women and children.

Through the initiative, the Government of Nigeria has pledged to save one million lives by 2015. The launch of Saving One Million Lives was attended by Ministers, Governors, traditional leaders, Nigeria's private sector health alliance, the Nigeria Development Partners' Group on Health, representatives of UN agencies and

the unsung heroines at the frontline of saving the lives of women and children: Nigerian midwives.

Day after day, Nigeria's midwives make the difference between life or death of women and their children.

Latvia: Promoting gender equality

A new children's book that seeks to promote gender equality among children from a young age is expected to be introduced into kindergartens in the near future in Latvia.

The book aims to break gender stereotypes by having the main girl and boy characters switching bodies. Latvia's ombudsman, Juris Jansons, also expressed his support of the book saying it "defends a child's right to individuality and promotes a child's opportunity to develop his/her abilities regardless of gender."

ELASJ: Escuela Latinoamericana de Actoría Social de niños y jóvenes

Hundreds of young people in Latin America, from various social organizations belonging to the Escuela Latinoamericana de Actoría Social de Niños y Jóvenes ELASJ celebrated the International Day of Peace with a call to end violence in the world.

The Escuela Latinoamericana para la Actoría Social Juvenil is an initiative from different social organizations active in Latin America. They share common stories and issues.

For the ELASJ is imperative that young people have opportunities to share experiences and for training in order to build news citizenship and emancipatory processes. The axes on which ELASJ works are the Latin American identity, Community Leadership and good life values. (Text: Cristiano Morsolin)

http://portal.unesco.org/geography/es/ev.php-URL_ID=16004&URL_DO=DO_TOPI C&URL_SECTION=201.html

Funding / Prizes / Research Opportunities

Call for Papers: Religion, Poverty and Politics

CROP and Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI) organize a conference to explore ways in which poverty and social injustice are addressed by different religious actors and communities.

The organizers seek papers addressing these issues as well as one or more of the questions below:

- How do religious actors, institutions and/or organizations interpret and conceptualize poverty?
- How is poverty addressed by religious actors, institutions and/or organizations?
- In what ways does religion impede or facilitate social, cultural, institutional and/or structural change in societies where poverty is a severe problem?
- To what extent do religious actors, institutions and/or organizations engage in advocacy vis-à-vis secular authorities with regard to poverty-reduction policies and practices?

The abstract should not exceed 500 words (one page) and must include: the title of the proposed paper and a summary of its theme, including its central argument and research question. In addition, a brief resume (max. one page) clearly indicating your name, title, nationality, and contact information as well as a list of recent publications should also be addressed. The abstract and resume should be sent by E-mail to:

cropWS@crop.uib.no

Deadline for submission of abstract: November 15, 2012

Further information:

<http://www.crop.org/storypg.aspx?id=597&MenuNode=&zone=41>

Call for Abstracts and Papers: Child Indicators in a Globalized World: Implications for Research, Practice and Policy

Organized by the International Society for Child Indicators and hosted by Seoul National University, the 4th ISCI conference will explore how child indicators can be used to improve the well-being of children in a globalized world.

Topics to be addressed in the

conference include:

- Theory and conceptual frameworks of child indicators
- Measurement, data, and methods on child indicators
- Dissemination of child indicators
- Advocacy using child indicators
- Policy and program development using child indicators
- Children's subjective well-being
- Information technology and child indicators
- Child indicators across cultures and borders
- Globalization of child indicators

Applicants are advised to submit abstracts (in English) via online.

Please submit your abstracts by November 30, 2012

Please submit your papers by March 15, 2013

Further information:

<http://www.2013isci.org/>

Call for Proposals: 21st European Social Services Conference

The European Social Network (ESN) will be organising its 21st annual conference next year in Dublin in cooperation with the Irish Presidency of the European Union. In preparation for this event, there is an open call for workshops. This is an opportunity to present for discussion innovative practice on a wide range of issues within the overall theme of the conference.

The theme of the 2013 conference is: *Transforming Lives! Reshaping services for a changing society*

Whatever the key issues you wish to discuss, please remember that:

- Any local project or research you present to stimulate debate should be new or interesting in a European context; ideally a European example of best practice.
- It must be relevant to those working in different regions and countries, aimed to stimulate an interesting exchange of perspectives and experience on the key workshop themes.
- Workshops that seek to highlight differences between countries and that involve cross-country research or collaboration are of particular interest. If projects are cross-national, please try to ensure that your foreign

partners are directly represented in the workshop.

- Workshops that involve the participation of service users are also strongly encouraged

Your proposal should mention:

- what general issues you wish to be debated in the workshop
- how your project or research is relevant to this debate
- how you would structure your workshop to promote active group interaction
- which media you would use (e.g. film, interview, DVD, PowerPoint).

The use of varying media in workshops at the conference is encouraged.

Deadline for proposals: December 7, 2012

Further information: <https://esn-conference.org/>

Call for Papers: Building blocks for an inclusive society: empirical evidence from social policy research

The ESPANET Association and the IMPALLA (The International Master of Science in Social Policy Analysis) Programme organize in Luxembourg, a conference entitled *Building blocks for an inclusive society: empirical evidence from social policy research*.

The Conference organizers welcome abstracts for empirical papers and panels around the conference themes. Potential topics include:

- Exclusion in education and the labor market
- Income distribution, poverty and financial inequality
- Health and wellbeing
- Family formation and child care
- The family as social, cultural, and economic capital, and educational attainment
- Social integration and networks
- Political and cultural participation
- Combating social exclusion: intervention programs, implementation and evaluation

Deadline for submission of abstracts: November 16, 2012

Further information:

<http://kuleuven.be/impalla/conference2013>

Please submit your abstracts by sending an email to: esther.zana-nau@ceps.lu

Publications

Ethical principles, dilemmas and risks in collecting data on violence against children: a review of available literature

This literature review aims to contribute to the development of ethical guidelines. It aims to capture current thinking on ethical issues and providing empirical support to guide recommendations for ethical research practice and decision-making in collecting data on violence against children (VAC). The review examines documentation, including both published and grey literature that is of specific relevance to research ethics. Its findings identify existing gaps in documentation and research, and point to the need for further research to gain an understanding of the ethical issues involved in this research. In addition, the review highlights areas of potential risk to children who participate in research and the existing debates on these within the literature. The findings suggest the need to develop a strong framework for ethical research practice on violence against children, which provides clear direction while supporting reflexivity, given the multiple contexts in which the research takes place. Key ethical principles can provide guidance to support this development, in conjunction with a children's rights-based approach to research on violence, underpinned by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. The literature review points to the need for on-going investment in continuing discussion and the extension of knowledge through research.

Available online:
http://www.childinfo.org/ref_group.html

From Policy to Implementation: Beyond Food Security: Transforming the Productive Safety Net Programme in Ethiopia for the Well-being of Children

This paper co-authored by Yisak Tafere and Tassew Woldehanna investigates the possible impacts of

the Productive Safety Net Programme (PSNP) on children's well-being and recommends child-focused social protection that goes beyond the PSNP. It draws on data from the Young Lives survey of 569 rural households and qualitative case studies of 32 households and children living in four rural communities in 2006 and 2009.

Available online:

<http://www.younglives.org.uk/our-publications/working-papers/beyond-food-security-transforming-the-psnp-in-ethiopia-for-the-well-being-of-children>

Cash and Child Protection: How cash transfer programming can protect children from abuse, neglect, exploitation and violence

Cash and Child Protection, the new Save the Children Report, reviews evidence from programmes where cash injections into households are explicitly intended to achieve child protection outcomes. Case studies are included of programmes providing cash grants to foster carers for vulnerable children in Indonesia, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Liberia. And an extended case study looks at a cash transfer programme to prevent child labour after the 2010 floods in Pakistan. This report then considers evidence of indirect impact. A series of recommendations set out how cash transfer programming can be designed to achieve child protection outcomes.

Available online:

<http://resourcecentre.savethechildren.se/content/library/documents/cash-and-child-protection-how-cash-transfer-programming-can-protect-childr>

Forced From Home: The Lost Boys and Girls of Central America

Each year thousands of children come to the US seeking protection, safety or to join their families. These children are unaccompanied, often traveling alone or with groups of strangers when making the long journey to cross US borders. An increasing number of these children

have become victims of traffickers and smugglers. Many have escaped violence, sexual abuse or abandonment in their home country, and are extremely vulnerable to rape and assault as they travel to the United States. This report looks at these issues and more.

ISBN: 1-58030-102-9

Making a difference for vulnerable children in a world with HIV and AIDS

Taking Evidence to Impact lays out the rationale for investing in social protection, care, and support for children affected by HIV and AIDS. It demonstrates how investing in these initiatives not only improves the resilience of HIV affected households but can also enhance HIV prevention and treatment outcomes.

Available online:

http://www.unicef.org/ukraine/TAKING_EVIDENCE_TO_IMPACT_FINAL.pdf

Avistamiento de los derechos de la niñez: Reflexiones críticas

El título de este texto está referido a alcanzar con la vista los derechos de la niñez desde reflexiones críticas sobre el tema. Se trató entonces de mirar hacia adentro y hacia afuera para comprender y explicar la efectividad o ineffectividad de los derechos de la niñez.

En ese proceso, ampliamos la participación convocando a ex alumnos de la Red Latinoamericana de Maestrías, quienes en forma voluntaria y comprometida colaboraron con sus propias meditaciones, ampliando de este modo las perspectivas interculturales sobre los derechos de la niñez avistados desde las particulares realidades de sus países de origen.

Available online:

<http://comunicaciones.uexternado.edu.co/redmaestriasinfancia/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/SCC-AVISTAMIENTO-DERECOS-NINEZ-EDICION-ELECTRONICA-2012.pdf>

Upcoming Dates

NOVEMBER 2012

- 04/11 to 05/11: 11th International Conference of National Human Rights Institutions: Human Rights of Women and Girls - Promoting Gender Equality - The Role of NHRIs, Amman, Jordan.
- 05/11 to 07/11: Criminality or Social Exclusion? Justice for Children in a Divided World, London, UK.
- 09/11: Eradicating Child Maltreatment Interventions with Children and Families - Policy and Practice, London, UK.
- 13/11: How can we help children to reach their unique potential and how can we support the parents, caregivers and teachers in their role vis-à-vis children, Brussels, Belgium.
- 13/11 to 14/11: Supporting child protection systems through the implementation of the EU Agenda on the rights of the child, Brussels, Belgium.
- 15/11: The challenges of protection of refugee children, Lisbon, Portugal.
- 16/11 to 17/11: Honoring the Child, Honoring Equity: 12 Troubling truths - bridging divides for equity, Victoria, Australia.
- 26/11 to 29/11: World Forum 2012: International Forum for Child Welfare, Naples, Italy
- 26/11 to 30/11: IUAES 2012 Inter-congress – Children and Youth in a Changing World, Bhubaneswar, India.
- 27/11 to 29/11: Policy Round Table on Early Childhood Education and Care, Leiden, Netherlands.

DECEMBER 2012

- 05/12: Philosophy and Educational Policy: Normativity, Underlabouring and Critique, London, UK.
- 05/12 to 07/12: Children and violence in juvenile justice: the current situation, prevention and response mechanisms - the Latin American experience, Asunción, Paraguay.
- 06/12 to 10/12: Third International Conference on Human Rights Education: Promoting Change in Times of Transition and Crisis, Poland.
- 12/12 to 14/12: Child and Teen Consumption 2012: "Food Consumption, Communication, Life Styles and Fashion". 5th International Conference on Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Child and Teen Consumption, IULM University, Milan, Italy.
- 11/12 to 13/12: IV International Conference Safe Belarus for Children, Minsk, Belarus.
- 14/12: 21st Century tools for teaching and learning, London, UK.
- 17/12 to 18/12: Knowing and Not Knowing: Thinking psychosocially about learning and resistance to learning, London, UK.

JANUARY 2013

- 26/01 to 31/01: 27th annual San Diego International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment, California, United States.

FEBRUARY 2013

- 15/02 to 17/02: Education: International Conference on Inclusive Education, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- 21/02 to 22/02: Religion, Poverty and Politics, Bergen, Norway.
- 21/02 to 22/02: Researching Children's Lives: Questions of Practice & Methods, Birmingham, UK.

MARCH 2013

- 10/03 to 14/03: 20th Annual International Conference on Childhood Education, Oxford, England.
- 17/03 to 20/03: Building Bridges - From Principle to Reality: The 6th World Congress on Family Law and Children's Rights, Sydney, Australia.



The challenges of protection of refugee children

15/11/2012
Lisbon, Portugal



Children and violence in juvenile justice; the current situation, prevention and response mechanisms.

December 5-7, 2012,
Assuncion, Paraguay

Upcoming Dates & ENMCR

DEAR NETWORK MEMBERS,

Please send us your agendas for the coming months as well as publications, funding and prizes or any other topic so we can include them in our newsletter (info@enmcr.net).

NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER:

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*Save the Children,
thank you for making this
newsletter possible!*

MARCH 2013

21/03: A call to adventure: vision, community and curriculum for 21st Century primary schools, London, UK.

APRIL 2013

18/04 to 19/04: Building blocks for an inclusive society: empirical evidence from social policy research, Luxembourg, Luxembourg.

22/04 to 24/04: Moving Targets: Children and the Media, Geneva, Switzerland.

MAY 2013

29/05 to 31/05: Child Indicators in a Globalized World: Implications for research, practice, and policy, ISCI Conference 2013, Seoul, Korea.

JUNE 2013

17/06 to 19/06: 21st European Social Services Conference, Dublin, Ireland.

How to join ENMCR

It is possible to join ENMCR as a member at any time.

The European Network of Masters in Children's Rights was established with the support of Save the Children Sweden (SCS). SCS has also been actively supporting and fostering the Latin American Network of Masters in Children's Rights, which currently comprises nine universities in eight Latin American countries.

Why is it worthwhile joining our network?

We have been cooperating as a network for more than six years and have longstanding experience of loosely cooperating - you will work with children's rights experts from all over Europe (and Latin America). You will get an insight into children's rights from a variety of perspectives and will be able to build on longstanding experience of the members.

We offer a joint European Master in Children's Rights at leading universities in Europe - you will have access to knowledge on how to build up and offer a joint European Master study programme and will have access to training. We organize conferences and workshops on children's rights themes in Europe and in the world; you will have the chance to meet other children's rights experts, activists, share ideas and thoughts and gain new perspectives. You will receive copies of all materials published in the frame of ENMCR, such as the monthly electronic newsletter Children's Rights news (CRnews), reports from projects, materials from conferences and workshops, etc.

To become a member of ENMCR, simply send us a letter of intent, in which you should name what you believe you or your institution can contribute to and gain from our network. In addition, please include an outline of your child rights related programme and/or courses. It is important that you name a contact person at your institution for correspondence purposes.

Please send the letter to:

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