



# Master of Advanced Studies in Children's Rights (2009 – 2010)

INSTITUT UNIVERSITAIRE KURT BOSCH – UNIVERSITY OF FRIBOURG

*MCR MASTER CLASS 2010*

## CHILDREN AND INTERNATIONAL LEGAL PROCEDURES

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### Argument

The MCR Master Class aims to facilitate networking and exchanging information amongst former and current students of the MCR Programme. It is organised every two years on the day before the Closing conference of each MCR cycle and is open for MCR students, alumni and staff.

This year, MCR alumni are invited to give an update during the morning session of recent developments in the broad children's rights field, including intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and academia. The afternoon session will be devoted to the place of children before international legal procedures. First, the current state of affairs will be presented of the discussions within the Human Rights Council regarding the elaboration of an optional protocol providing a communications procedure to the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Second, Issues of children and international criminal justice before the International Criminal Court at The Hague will be addressed.

### Programme

- 09.00 **Welcome address**  
Prof. Dr. Karl Hanson, IUKB Sion, MCR Programme Coordinator
- 09.10 **Recent developments in children's rights: 2008-2010**
- Intergovernmental organisations
  - Non-governmental organisations
  - Academia
- 10.30 Coffee break
- 11.00 **Integrating the MCR in our work**  
Round table discussion with MCR Alumni
- 12.30 Lunch
- 14.00 **Current state of affairs of the Human Rights Council – Open-ended Working Group on an optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child to provide a communications procedure**  
Mr. Drahoslav Štefánek, Chairperson-Rapporteur of the Working Group, Slovakia
- 15.30 Coffee break
- 16.00 **Children and international criminal justice issues before the International Criminal Court at The Hague**  
Judge Joyce Aluoch, Judge of the International Criminal Court in The Hague; former vice-chair and member of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child and former chair of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, Kenya (*tbc*)
- 17.30 Reception