



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

INSTITUT UNIVERSITAIRE KURT BOSCH – UNIVERSITY OF FRIBOURG

MCR CLOSING CONFERENCE 2010 **CHILDREN'S RIGHTS BETWEEN THE LOCAL AND THE GLOBAL**

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University Institute Kurt Bösch, Sion (Switzerland)

Argument

Since its adoption in 1989, international organizations, governments and civil society at large have given considerable attention to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and its universal character. Across all regions and in a considerable number of States, the CRC has set in motion a process aiming to implement international human rights principles and rights at the regional, national and local levels. However, actors and researchers more and more often emphasize the need to more thoroughly engage with the broad variety of regional and local contexts in which international children's rights are implemented as well as with bottom up understandings of children's rights. Via the presentation of research papers by students who participated in a two year interdisciplinary master of advanced studies, the conference will explore spaces in between top down and bottom up understandings of children's rights. How can the translations of children's rights be understood no longer as a single, one way process but as a dynamic, circular and continuous process which takes place between local and global levels? In line with the programme's interdisciplinary character, presentations will take into account the need for an interdisciplinary approach as well as for the collaboration of actors working in different areas and with a range of backgrounds including human rights law, development studies, sociology, psychology, educational sciences, social work and political sciences.

Keynote speakers as well as students of the 2009-2010 cycle of the Master of Advanced Studies in Children's Rights (MCR) will discuss a series of particular topics, including Multiple childhoods; Health and gender; Policy; Legal proceedings; Alternative care; Education, in relation to the overall conference theme. We cordially invite professionals and students involved in the broad children's rights field, in particular MCR alumni as well as staff and students from various academic children's rights programmes, to participate in the MCR Closing Conference 2010 Children's Rights between the Local and the Global.

Programme

09.00 Welcome address

Prof. Dr. Philip D. Jaffé, Director of the University Institute Kurt Bösch, Sion

09.15 Keynote address – *Children's rights between the local and the global*

Mr. Nigel Cantwell, Children's rights consultant, Geneva; Lecturer MCR Programme

10.30 Coffee break

11.00 Working groups (parallel sessions)

Session I: Multiple childhoods (Chair Prof. Dr. Philip Jaffé)

Michele Poretti	Between myths and realities : The social construction of Swiss peasant childhood
Sandra Schumacher	Children in street situations in South Africa. Child rights programming for children in street situations
Carole Tronchet	Children and young persons' experience of participation and non-discrimination rights in the child and youth clubs of Nepal
Jeremiah Chinodya	Child migration: specific focus on unaccompanied children
Joanna Baskott	Representing children and child rights – A study of NGO fundraising appeals

Session II: Health and gender (Chair Ms. Paola Riva)

Mustafa Hassan	Cultural relativism and children's rights: The case of female genital mutilation in Sudan
Barbara Ramaboea	HIV status disclosure to HIV-infected children: The perspectives and experiences of adolescent girls with maternally acquired HIV; A comparative analysis between two socio-cultural contexts of London, United Kingdom and Harare, Zimbabwe
Yousif Adam	Child marriage in Muslim countries
Hela Skhiri	Single adolescent mothers in Tunisia
Clara Dube	The opinions of children in child headed households on service accessibility, specific risks and protective processes as they affect their basic development and realization of their rights – the Child Head of Household as a meaning maker

Session III: Policy (Chair Prof. Dr. Bettina Hürlimann-Kaup)

Francesco D'Ovidio	A multidisciplinary reconstruction of the child labour paradigm
Francesco Lombardo	The promotion of children's rights in sports: How to construct a protective environment for children in sport practice. The example of <i>Le Semine</i> neighbourhood in Bellinzona, Switzerland
Elena Manfrina Powels	The protection of the rights of children affected by armed conflict: A comparison between the Committee on the Rights of the Child and the UN Security Council agendas. Synergies, divergences or gaps?
Monica Vaz	Participation for protection: An exploratory study in the Commission for Protection for Children and Youth in Danger, Portugal.
Marie-Claire Kunz	The right to asylum and children's rights. An analysis of the Swiss practice based on the articles 3 and 12 of the CRC

12.30 Lunch

14.00 Working groups (parallel sessions)

Session IV: Legal proceedings (Chair Ms. Gisela Kilde)

Lysanne Bergsma	Judging the young by considering them competent adults. An investigation of the application of adult penal law in relation to juvenile delinquents
Laurene Graziani	International justice and children victims of armed conflicts. A children's rights perspective
SitNour Kamal Ali	The right of the child to be heard in the criminal legal procedure in Sudan (West Darfur State as case study)
Yasmeen Shariff	The Malaysian juvenile justice system: Alternatives to custody
Nathalie Bussien	Non-accompanied minors and the right to maintain/establish personal relations with their family in their country of origin. The situation in Switzerland

Session V: Alternative care (Chair Mr. Nigel Cantwell)

Kelley Bunkers MrCreery	Informal family-based care options: Protecting children's rights? A case study of Gudifecha in Ethiopia
Antonia Luedeke	Alternative care in Vietnam. Moving from residential to family- and community-based care
Munir Mammadov	The child, the family and the State in the CIS region: The example of Azerbaijan
Lorenzo Marfisi	Pathways to child participation in alternative care
Fred Ross III	Abandoned babies' rights in Romania today: Reasons of and remedies for a failure

Session VI: Education (Chair Prof. Dr. Christiana Fountoulakis)

Signé Hojsteen	The right to quality education for children with disabilities. Differences in quality of education for children with and without disabilities in Danish primary schools
Sokol Muca	Challenges and solutions to the Roma children's right to education in Albania
Divine Opare	Boys at school but girls at home: A case study of low girl education in Ghana's Cape Coast Metropolitan Area
Jean-Pierre Paratore	The feasibility of implementation of the human rights project for a UN agency. Indivisibility, multisector programming and the right to education in Indonesia
Chitraporn Vanaspongse	The right to education in the perspective of migrant children in Thailand

15.30 Coffee break

16.00 Concluding remarks – Translations of children's rights

Prof. Dr. Karl Hanson, University Institute Kurt Bösch, Sion

16.30 MCR Graduation ceremony

17.00 Reception

Audience

The Conference is addressed to professionals, researchers and students involved in children's rights. MCR alumni as well as staff and students from different children's rights and childhood studies programmes are invited to participate in the programme.

Organisation

The Conference Children's Rights between the Local and the Global is jointly organised by:

- The Institut Universitaire Kurt Bösch (IUKB), in association with the International Institute for the rights of the child (IDE), both in Sion, Switzerland, and
- The University of Fribourg, Switzerland, represented by its Law Faculty and the Institute for family research and counselling

Practical information

The Conference will take place at the Institut Universitaire Kurt Bösch, located in the city of Sion, Switzerland (see practical information on www.iukb.ch). Persons interested in attending the conference are required to register beforehand by e-mail. Participation in the conference is free. Please note that the conference organizers will not be able to provide assistance with visa, travel or accommodation arrangements. For registration and further information, please contact:

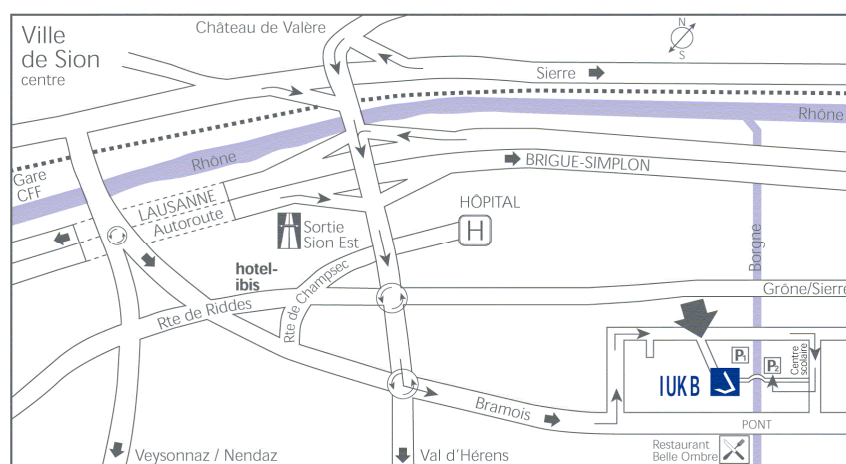
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