

From Hopelessness to Hopefulness: Strengthening Children's Rights and Well-being During and After Crisis

The First Annual Child and Youth Rights Program (ChYRP) International Conference on Children's Rights

Maiersdorf Hall 405 ,Mount Scopus Campus,
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Day One – Sunday, December 15th, 2024

9:30	Gathering
10:00-11:00	Opening Session
Chair	Dr. Roni Liberson , Executive Director, Child and Youth Rights Program at the Minerva Center for Human Rights, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Greetings	Prof. Tomer Brode , Dean of the Faculty of Law, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem Prof. Barak Medina , Academic Director, Minerva Center for Human Rights, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Opening Remarks	Elsbeth Müller , President, Fondation Botnar Prof. Tali Gal , Academic Director, Child and Youth Rights Program at the Minerva Center for Human Rights, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem Presentation by Youth Advisory Board members
11:00-11:15	Break
11:15-13:00	1st Session - Children in Armed Conflict (1)
Chair	Prof. Sarah Abu-Kaf , Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Speakers	Prof. Charles W. Greenbaum & Prof. Muhammad M. Haj-Yahia , The Hebrew University <i>Prevention of Political Violence to Children: A Review of Psychosocial Research and of Tentative Lessons from the Current War in Israel and Gaza</i> Prof. Tali Gal & Dr. Yonat Rum , The Hebrew University <i>Children's Rights and Needs During the Israel-Gaza War: A State-wide Descriptive Study on Israeli Children</i> Dr. Heba F. Zedan , The Hebrew University <i>Co-researching with Palestinian Children and Youth During Wartime: A Rights-Respecting Study</i> Dr. Shira Taube-Dayan , The Academic College of Tel-Aviv Yafo & Ben-Gurion University <i>Voices of the Young in Times of Crises: Stories of the Nuclear Disaster in Fukushima, Japan</i> Dr. Cristiano d'Orsi , University of Johannesburg, South Africa (Zoom) <i>African Children Living in an Apparently Never-ending Crisis: An Assessment of the Rights of Sahrawi Children in Refugee Camps</i>
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:30	2nd Session - Children's Self-Determination in Crisis Situations
Chair	Prof. Sharon Shakargy , The Hebrew University
Speakers	Dr. Noa Levy , The Hebrew University <i>The Right to be a Child: Discourse Analysis of the Israeli Delegation to the UNCRC 97th Session, September 3, 2024</i> Prof. Olga Khazova-Gurvich , The Hebrew University <i>Child's Rights and Well-being: Some Aspects of Identity Crisis</i> Dr. Chaya Gershuni , The Hebrew University <i>The Ecological Model of Participation for Ill Haredi Children in Crisis</i> Prof. Rhona Schuz , The Academic Center for Law and Science, Hod Hasharon <i>Participation Rights of Abducted Children</i> Adv. Roni Rothler , Tel Aviv University <i>Designing Child Welfare Dispute Systems</i>
15:30-15:45	Break
15:45-16:45	3rd Session - Educational and Legal Reactions to Youth Rule Breaking
Chair	Prof. Michal Molcho , University of Galway
Speakers	Prof. Mara Schiff , Florida Atlantic University (Zoom) <i>Advancing Children's Educational Rights: Reframing School Discipline from Justice to Public Health</i> Dr. Annemieke Wolthuis , Avans University of Applied Sciences & Restorative Justice Nederland (Zoom) <i>Rights-Respecting Restorative Justice with Children and Youth: New Insights and Developments</i> Prof. Emily Buss , University of Chicago (Zoom) <i>Achieving Meaningful Youth Engagement in Juvenile Court</i>
16:45-17:00	Break
17:00-18:30	4th Session - Children's Rights and Needs in Education
Chair	Prof. Adam Lefstein , The Hebrew University
Speakers	Moriah Omer-Attali , The Hebrew University <i>Technology-Driven, Data-Informed School Improvement Initiative: A Pathway to Amplifying Students' Voices in the Classroom?</i> Prof. Ayelet Blecher-Prigat & Prof. Pamela Laufer-Ukeles , The Academic Center for Law and Science, Hod Hasharon <i>A Right to Post-Majority Education</i> Dr. Noy Naaman , The Hebrew University <i>Queer Legal Childhood: Reimagining Children's Rights in a Shifting Political Landscape</i> Dr. Thalia Thereza Assan , The Hebrew University <i>The Role of School in Students' Political Socialization and Activism in Times of Socio-Political Crisis and Beyond</i> Dr. Hilly Moodrick-Even Khen , Ariel University <i>Restoring Children's Right to Education after War: The Ukrainian Case Study</i>

Day Two – Monday, December 16th, 2024

9:00	Gathering
9:30-10:30	Author meets Readers Session <i>Children's Exposure to Domestic Violence: Theory, Practice, and Implications for Policy</i> , by Dr. Yifat Carmel (Routledge 2024)
Chair	Prof. Ruth Halperin-Kaddari , Bar-Ilan University
Author's Remarks	Dr. Yifat Carmel , Beit Berl College & University of Haifa
Discussants	Prof. Bob Geffner , Alliant International University, San Diego (Zoom) Prof. Ruth Halperin-Kaddari , Bar-Ilan University
10:30-10:45	Break
10:45-12:15	5th session- Israeli Children and the Israel-Gaza War: Needs and Rights
Chair	Prof. Asher Ben-Arieh , The Hebrew University
Speakers	Dr. Hanita Kosher & Dr. Iris Zadok , The Hebrew University <i>The Implications of the "Swords of Iron" War on Children's Friendships and Peers' Relations: Children's Voices</i> Tamar Kama & Dr. Orna Shemer , The Hebrew University <i>The Meaning of Community for Youth from the Kibbutzim of the Western Negev</i> Dr. Daphna Gross-Manos & Dr. Ayala Cohen , Tel-Hai College <i>Assessment of the Situation and Needs of Adolescents from the Northern Border in Non-Evacuated Settlements</i> Dr. Ayelet Noam Rosenthal , Hadassah Academic College, <i>Multidimensional Framework for Supporting Children who Lost Both Parents in the 'Swords of Iron' War: A Psycho-Social Approach</i>
12:15-13:15	Lunch
13:15-15:00	6th Session - Children in Armed Conflict (2)
Chair	Prof. Corey Shdaimah , University of Baltimore, Maryland
Speakers	Tanya Nitzan , Ben Gurion University <i>Effects of the October 7th Attacks and the Ensuing War on Autistic Children in Israel and their Parents</i> Prof. Stefanie Schmahl , Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg, Germany (Zoom) <i>The Protection of Children in Armed Conflict under the 1989 UN Convention on the Rights of the Child: Benefits, Short-comings, and Challenges</i> Dr. Yan Serdtse & Yulie Khromchenco , Early Starters International <i>Training Teachers of Roma Refugee Children: A Pathway to the Right for Education Amid Crisis</i> Prof. Shainy Pancrasius , Christ University, India (Zoom) <i>Exploring the Denial of Child Rights in Conflict Zones from International Humanitarian Law Perspective</i> Serafima Velkovich , The Hebrew University <i>Stateless DP Babies, Born to the Holocaust Survivors: A Way from Hopelessness to Hopefulness</i>
15:00-15:30	Break
15:30-17:00	7th Session - Hope and Resilience among Children in Excluded Communities
Chair	Michala Meiselles , University of Derby
Speakers	Noa Gluskinos , University of Haifa <i>Understanding Day-to-day Socio-emotional Functioning as Reflecting Resilience of Asylum-seeking Children in Israel</i> Ayal Geffon , Michlalah Jerusalem College & The Hebrew University & Daniel Chester , Michlalah Jerusalem College & Tel Aviv University <i>From Crisis to Resilience: Schools as Anchors for Children's Rights and Well-Being during the Gaza-Israel War</i> Chloe Dixon , Eighth Judicial District Court, Nevada (Zoom) <i>Protecting the Children of a Borderless State: How Policies can Advocate for Children's Rights in the Digital World</i> Dr. Shiran Reichenberg & Adv. Shiri Isseroff , The Hebrew University <i>The Street Law Project – Empowering Youth in a Conflict Zone</i> Dr. Elizabeth Archampong, Richard Obeng Mensah & Delali Gawu , Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) <i>Hope in a Digital Age: Law as a Tool for Ensuring Children's Safety and Future Online in Ghana</i>
17:00-17:30	Farewell
Concluding Remarks	Dr. Alice Jill Edwards , UN Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment Prof. Tali Gal , The Hebrew University

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