

World in Flux: Child and Youth Rights in an Age of Radical Uncertainty

The 2nd Annual Child and Youth Rights Program (ChYRP) International Conference on Children's Rights

December 8th & 9th, 2025

Mishael Cheshin Hall (333), 3rd floor, Cheshin Building, Faculty of Law, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Mount Scopus Campus

Day One – Monday December 8th, 2025

9:30	Gathering
9:45-10:30	Opening Session
Chair:	Dr. Roni Liberson , ChYRP Executive Director, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Greetings:	Prof. Tomer Broude , Dean of the Faculty of Law, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Speakers:	Prof. Tali Gal , ChYRP Academic Director, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem Prof. Renana Keydar , Law and Digital Humanities, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Edut 710 Youth Testimony on October 7th - Extracts from Edut 710 Dror Cohen , Chair, National Students and Youth Association: Challenges for Youth, Israel 2025
10:30-12:15	1st Session - From Rights to Well-being and Back: Child's Focused Research in Times of Crisis
Chair:	Prof. Sarah Abu-Kaf / Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Speakers:	Prof. Tali Gal & Dr. Yonat Rum / The Hebrew University of Jerusalem Children's Rights and Needs During War: Translating Normative Principles into Empirical Measures Prof. Daphna Gross Manos / Tel-Hai Academic College, Dr. Hanita Kosher / The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Amanda Sheffield Morris & Jennifer Hays-Grudo / Oklahoma State University The Association Between Protective Factors and Children's Subjective Well-being: A Comparative Cross-national Analysis Dr. Jumana Adawi Ghayeb / The Hebrew University of Jerusalem Religion as a Potential Resource for Children's Well-Being in Contexts of Flux Prof. Sarah Abu-Kaf / Ben Gurion University of the Negev Silenced Voices: A Narrative Review of Mental Health Challenges and Resilience among Bedouin Arab Children and Adolescents
12:15-13:00	Lunch
13:00-14:30	2nd Session - Protecting Children's Rights in Schools
Chair:	Dr. Rima'a Da'as / The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Speakers:	Dr. Talia Fried, Dr. Galia Plotkin & Prof. Hallel Pinson / Ben Gurion University of the Negev Negotiating the Rights and Needs of Children with Emotional-Behavioral Difficulties in Israeli Schools Dr. Ayal Geffon / The Hebrew University of Jerusalem & Michlalah Jerusalem College & Daniel Chester / Tel Aviv University & Michlalah Jerusalem College Children's Rights in Times of Uncertainty: Principals' Direct Relationships with Students as a Source of Resilience and Risk Dr. Manya Oriel Kagan / International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), Austria What Evidence-Based Interventions Contribute to Keeping Children Safe in Schools in Conflict and Crisis Settings? Dr. Noy Naaman / Reichman University's Harry Radzyner Law School A Developmental Self-exploration Framework for Children's Rights in Education
14:30-14:45	Break
14:45-16:15	3rd Session - Trauma and Resilience in Cultural-Religious Contexts - Haredi Children in the Israel-Gaza War
Chair:	Dr. Chaya Gershuni & Dr. Netanel Gemara / University of Haifa
Speakers:	Naomi Mizrahi / University of Haifa "I Envied People without Children": Experiences of Haredi Evacuee Children During the Israel-Gaza War Dina Cohen / University of Haifa "Dad has Changed and That's How it is": Experiences of ZAKA Volunteers' Children during the Israel-Gaza War Ayala Gross / The Hebrew University of Jerusalem Between Hero and Silenced: Experiences of Haredi Soldiers' Children during the Israel-Gaza War Dr. Yuval Saar-Heiman / Ben-Gurion University of the Negev & Naama Kroyzer / Child-Parent Psychotherapy (CPP) Talking Together – Parents and Children: The Right to Relational Security amid Collective Trauma
16:15-16:30	Break
16:30-18:00	4th Session - Institutional Justice for Children
Chair:	Prof. Corey Shdaimah / University of Maryland Baltimore
Speakers:	Prof. Brian Gran / Case Western Reserve University & Dr. Agnes Lux / Eötvös Loránd University (Online) Independent Children's Rights Institutions in the Americas: Accountability and Advocacy of Children's Rights in a World in Flux Dr. Roni Rothler / Tel Aviv University Reimagining Youth Welfare Socio-Legal Proceedings: Learning from Community Court Principles to Address Social and Therapeutic Needs Ortal Toporek Barr & Dr. Yoa Sorek / Myers-JDC-Brookdale Institute Listening to Their Voices: Trauma-Informed and Child-Friendly Research- Insights from an International Literature Review Shira Rosenberg-Lavi / Ono Academic College From Closed Adoption to Post-Adoption Contact: Judicial Models for Protecting Children's Rights

Day Two – Tuesday December 9th, 2025

9:45	Gathering
10:00-11:45	5th session - Children's Voice and Participation: Critical Perspectives
Chair:	Dr. Hanita Kosher / The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Speakers:	Dr. Noa Levy / The Hebrew University of Jerusalem Knowing When to Fold – Child-Centered Research without Children Moriah Omer-Attali / The Hebrew University of Jerusalem When Data Speak but Schools Do Not Listen: Student Voice and the Limits of Data-Driven Decision Making Dr. Idan Zak-Doron / The Hebrew University of Jerusalem Abandoning Children to their Participation? A Rights-Based Analysis of the Strong Participation Ethos in Democratic (Open) Schools' Disciplinary Procedures Dr. Shiran Reichenberg & Dr. Yael Cohen Rimer / The Hebrew University of Jerusalem Ever-Present Absentees: Critical Analysis of Welfare Law Through Children's Rights and Child-Welfare Theoretical Lens
11:45-12:00	Break
12:00-12:15	Launch of the Israel Network of Child and Youth Rights Researchers - Prof. Tali Gal and Dr. Noa Levi
12:15-13:45	6th Session - Global Challenges to Children's Rights
Chair:	Michala Meiselles / Derby University
Speakers:	Prof. Stefanie Schmahl / University of Würzburg (Online) The Interplay between the 1951 Geneva Refugee Convention and the 1989 UN Convention on the Rights of the Child Dr. Maya Rosenfeld / The Hebrew University of Jerusalem UNRWA's Impaired Ability to Serve Palestinian Refugee Communities in the OPT under Protracted Acute Emergency and War: Highlighting the Consequences for Palestinian Refugee Children Dr. Cristiano d'Orsi / University of Johannesburg (Online) Challenges to African Children's Rights by Environmental Uncertainty and Climate Change Prof. Olga Khazova-Gurvich / The Hebrew University of Jerusalem National Identity and Sense of Belonging: The Story of Russian-Speaking Children Repatriated to Israel
13:45-15:00	Lunch & Informal Conversation with Representatives of the Youth Advisory Boards
15:00-16:45	7th Session - Panel with Youth: Children as Partners in Research
Chair and Discussant:	Prof. Tali Gal / The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Speakers:	Dr. Thalia Thereza Assan / The Hebrew University of Jerusalem Youth Co-Researchers Participatory Research with Activist Youth in Israel: Benefits, Challenges, and Recommendations Malak Abu Rmaileh, Racheli Nisim / The Hebrew University of Jerusalem Young Participants We are YAB: The Activities of ChYRP Youth Advisory Boards Adv. Vered Windman / Israel Council for the Child Young participant Involving Youth in Designing an Actionable Roadmap for Post-Emergency Recovery
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Conference Academic Committee:

Prof. Tali Gal, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Faculty of Law and Institute of Criminology (Chair)
Prof. Barak Medina, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Faculty of Law
Prof. Corey Shdaimah, University of Maryland, Baltimore, School of Social Work
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