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Dear ENMCR network members and network interested,

In this edition of the newsletter we would like to highlight the upcoming CREAM activities (CREAN Conference in December 2014 and the Children's Prize for the Best Master Thesis).

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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General News Internal

University of Leiden: Summer School Frontiers of Children's Rights

The Grotius Centre is very pleased to announce that the second edition of the summer course on international children's rights will be held at Leiden University in July 2014.

Professor Ton Liefwaard, Professor of Children's Rights (UNICEF chair) at Leiden Law School and Professor Julia Sloth-Nielsen, Professor of Children's Rights in the Developing World at Leiden Law School will coordinate the course.

Frontiers of Children's Rights provides a comprehensive children's rights course, which takes a close look at contemporary children's rights issues from a legal perspective accompanied by reflections from other academic disciplines, legal systems, local perceptions and realities.

Leading academic and professional experts in the field of children's rights, international law and other relevant disciplines offer inspiring and interactive lectures, seminars and excursions in and around Leiden Law School.

The classes will be taught in the beautiful premises of the renovated Leiden Observatory. On Friday 11 July the participants will visit the International Criminal Court in The Hague. Classes will be taught at the Campus The Hague premises that day. The week will be concluded with a dinner party at the beach in Scheveningen.

The programme is available online [here](#).

More information & application: www.grotiuscentre.org

Deadline: June, 1 2014.

IUKB and the University of Geneva: Children at the Heart of Human Rights Summer School

This 3 week summer school taught in English is a unique opportunity for students and young professionals to work side by side with leading experts

in a dynamic scientific interdisciplinary environment.

The course is shaped to address current issues in the international debate on children's rights studies and policies. It will examine different international legal instruments such as the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and other human rights treaties and standard-setting instruments.

The 2014 Course Program is now [available!](#)

Prospective students may apply [online](#).

The programme is characterized by :

- the interplay between theory and practice in the field of children's rights,
- the international perspective promoted by the lecturers from different regions of the world,
- the field visits of several UN Agencies, international humanitarian organisations and NGOs, located in Geneva.

The organizers are happy to announce that the tuition fee for this three-week programme has been reduced, from 2'500 to 1'500 CHF, in order to make this learning opportunity accessible to a larger audience.

The deadline for Summer School registration in June, 10, 2014.

University of Bristol: Young Life and Times Survey

1,367 16-year-olds across Northern Ireland took part in the 2013 survey undertaken by ARK, a joint initiative by Queen's University and the University of Ulster.

The research aims to give an insight into the lives of 16-year-olds across Northern Ireland, by addressing a range of key issues. In 2013 the survey focused on 16-year-olds' sense of community belonging, their experience of financial hardship, and their mental health, including self-harm. The results of the annual Young Life and Times (YLT) survey found that almost a third of 16-year-olds

questioned had experienced serious personal, emotional or mental health problems at some point in the past year. Further information [here](#).

Universidad Complutense and GSIA: Rumbo al VI Congreso Mundial de Infancia: Mensajes para Puebla

Coincidiendo con el 25 aniversario de la aprobación por Naciones Unidas de la Convención de Derechos del Niño, el mes de noviembre próximo se celebrará en Puebla (México) el *VI Congreso Mundial por los Derechos de la Infancia y la Adolescencia*

El Seminario *Rumbo al VI Congreso Mundial de Infancia: Mensajes para Puebla* se realiza en colaboración entre GSIA (grupo de Sociología de la Infancia y la Adolescencia), la Universidad Complutense de Madrid y la 'Cátedra Santander de Derecho y Menores' de la Universidad de Comillas, y tiene por objetivo reflexionar acerca de los ejes centrales del Congreso de Puebla: Violencia contra la infancia, Internet y Redes Sociales e Inmigración infantil.

El acto será inaugurado por Salomé Adroher (Directora General de Servicios para la Familia y la Infancia del Ministerio de Sanidad, Servicios Sociales e Igualdad) y el Programa consistirá en dos Mesas redondas: "INTERNET COMO DERECHO HUMANO Y REDES SOCIALES" y "MIGRACIÓN INFANTIL Y DERECHO A VIVIR EN FAMILIA" y una presentación de las reflexiones de los grupos y redes de niños y niñas.

La Jornada está dirigida a investigadores/as, docentes y profesionales dedicados al ámbito de la Infancia y la Adolescencia, y en general a cualquier persona interesada por el bienestar de los niños, niñas y adolescentes.

25 de junio 2014 (de 9:00 a 14:00 horas) en la Escuela Profesional de Relaciones Laborales, 'Aula escalonada'.

Programa pinchar [aquí](#).



Children's Rights Prize for Best Master's Dissertation

ABOUT THE PRIZE

The Children's Rights Prize for Best Master's Dissertation aims to promote early career researchers' work for graduate students from ENMCR or CREAN partner/member universities.

The Prize will be awarded in June 2015, and includes the facilitation of publication of the Prize winning article(s) in a peer reviewed journal

THE PRIZE WILL BE AWARDED FOR

Excellent academic articles written on the basis of Master's theses/dissertations that advance knowledge on children's rights, with a particular emphasis on:

- ➔ the applicability and relevance of the work for practice and/or policy;
- ➔ and/or the involvement of children in the research.

APPLICATION CRITERIA

The paper submitted for the Prize has to be:

- ➔ pre-selected by the Programme Director of a Master programme at an ENMCR or CREAN member university;
- ➔ an article of 8,000 to 9,000 words (inclusive of references and abstract);
- ➔ written by a student graduated in 2013 or 2014 at an ENMCR or CREAN member university, based on her/his master thesis;
- ➔ written in, or translated to English.

WHAT IS THE PRE-SELECTION PROCEDURE?

Programme Directors are entitled to pre-select a maximum of two submitted master theses for the competition. It is advisable to pre-select the thesis that is evaluated as the "highest quality". However, grades/scores given for the thesis will be not taken into consideration by the Jury in the selection process.

The author of the pre-selected thesis will be provided the opportunity to participate in the competition by writing an article (not an abstract!) based on her/his thesis. This paper will be the core subject of judgement in the selection procedure for the Children's Rights Prize for Best Master's Dissertation.

HOW TO APPLY?

The paper should be submitted electronically to the Secretariat of the Prize (Prize@crean-home.net) by the Programme Directors, who are requested to supplement the paper with a brief recommendation (justification), explaining why they selected this paper for the competition.

Deadline for submission: 1 October 2014



General News External

Ukraine: Displacement

As the conflict between Ukrainian security forces and pro-Russian groups intensifies in the eastern and southern parts of the country, the number of affected civilians also continues to rise. The crisis has displaced an estimated 10,000 civilians throughout the country, a third of whom are children.

France: Children in protest

Hundreds of male pupils in the city of Nantes in France went to school last Friday wearing skirts as part of a campaign against sexism. Students had put together the "Lift the Skirt" initiative, which invited pupils at 27 schools in the region around Nantes to attend school wearing skirts to raise awareness of discrimination and sexism faced by their female

classmates.

Wales: Stronger laws on children's rights

New legal duties on all the Ministers of the Welsh Government to consider the rights of children when exercising any of their functions, including making spending decisions, creating policies or changing the law, came into force on 1 May 2014.

Funding / Prizes / Research Opportunities

Call for contributions to Poster Session at EUROCHILD Annual Conference 2014

EUROCHILD Annual conference will provide participants with the opportunity to present good practices related to better public spending. This will be done in Poster Sessions. The Poster Session presentations will take place in an open space with separate corners for each poster for about 10-15 participants to allow good discussion. Each presentation should last no more than 15 minutes, and will be followed by discussion with the participants (approximately 30 minutes). Our intention is that the discussion should result into short messages to be fed back into the Closing Plenary. Deadline: 14 July 2014. For more information click [here](#).

Call winter school on intergenerational inequalities

This winter school will bring together scholars, experts as well as policy makers and practitioners to analyze the most pressing issues within the concept of inequality in a cross-country comparative way as well as through country case studies. Over 2½ days we will look at inequality from different angles and in relation to specific topics, such as:

- a) intergenerational justice and welfare state,
 - b) education,
 - c) corruption and politics.
- Participation to the School is free of charge, and participants may be eligible for reimbursement of travel and subsistence costs. The winter school is aimed at policy makers and practitioners, PhD students and early-stage researchers. Application procedure: short motivation note. Participants coming from the Academia are also expected to submit the abstract of a paper or research task related to inequality and social mobility. In case of policy makers and practitioners, applicants will be asked to send an abstract or a short presentation of the report/policy programme they are willing to present. Further information [here](#).

Call for Papers: The Changing Face of Content Delivery in Education

Der Ansatz der Evidenzbasierung wird aktuell auch in der Frühpädagogik als mögliche Strategie eines effizienten Wissenschafts-Praxis-Transfers und der Planung bildungspolitischer Maßnahmen sowie von Forschungsprogrammen diskutiert und umgesetzt. Anliegen der Tagung ist, im Kontext der aktuellen Entwicklungen (u.a. Professionalisierung des pädagogischen Personals, Etablierung akademischer Ausbildungsgänge und

Intensivierung der Forschung) den Ansatz der Evidenzbasierung dem wissenschaftlichen Nachwuchs in der Frühpädagogik zugänglich zu machen, entsprechende Kompetenzen zu vermitteln sowie unter Einbezug von Fachwissenschaftler_innen und forschungsinteressierten Praktiker_innen zu diskutieren.

Zur Beitragseinreichung sind Nachwuchswissenschaftler_innen aus dem Bereich der Frühpädagogik aufgerufen (Promovierende, wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiter_innen vor und nach der Promotion, herausragende Absolvent_innen).

Die Tagung bietet Ihnen eine Plattform für eine Präsentation und Diskussion Ihrer Forschungsarbeiten im Rahmen von Experten-geleiteten Arbeits-gruppen und Workshops. Alle akzeptierten Beiträge werden in einem Konferenzband mit ISBN-Nummer veröffentlicht.

Voraussichtlicher Veröffentlichungstermin ist Februar 2015.

Das Abstract darf nur einen Umfang von max. 300 Wörtern aufweisen. Das Manuskript kann insgesamt max. 6 Seiten (ca. 15.000 Zeichen) umfassen. Abstracts sollen in deutscher und englischer Sprache verfasst werden. Die Beiträge sind in deutscher Sprache einzureichen.

Die Einreichung eines Abstracts sowie eines ausführlicheren Manuskripts erfolgt zwischen dem 15. Juni und 6. Juli 2014.



2nd International CREAN Conference

CHILDREN'S RIGHTS TO NON DISCRIMINATION

Where?

Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, Gedimino Ave. 53, Vilnius, Lithuania

When?

December 4 & 5, 2014

Conference organizers

Šiauliai University
(Lithuania)
Mykolas Romeris University
(Lithuania)

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to announce the 2nd International CREAN Conference »Children's Rights to Non-discrimination«. The registration form and the agenda will soon be available online. The conference provides an opportunity for participants to meet with other partners working in the area of children's rights, learn about the latest research, and build a deeper understanding of the emerging issues.

Conference Languages: English & Lithuanian



December 4th–5th, 2014

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



If you would like to share this information with a colleague, the registration form and other information about the conference is posted at www.crean-home.net

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Publications

Social Justice, the Common Weal and Young People in Scotland



This report (co-authored by Prof John Davis, Dr Louise Hill, Prof Kay Tisdall, Liam Cairns and Selwyn McCausland) looks at what the 'Common Weal' – a vision for a better Scotland – could mean for children and young people in Scotland.

It considers children and young people's experiences, in light of the Christie Commission's call for public service provision to confront inequalities. The paper poses questions about the extent to which children and young people will be involved in, and be able to define, the Common Weal.

The paper argues that the recent Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 promotes an aspirational notion of wellbeing at the expense of broader and more politically hard edged concepts such as rights and social justice. The Act does not address the wider political context of wellbeing such as children's status in society, adult arbitrary use of power, unequal distribution of resources and fair access to legal representation.

Available [online](#).

State of the World's Mothers 2014: Saving mothers and children in humanitarian crises

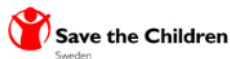


The 15th annual State of the World's Mothers report examines the impact of humanitarian crises on maternal, newborn and child survival in countries consistently ranked as the most difficult places to be a mother. State of the World's Mothers 2014 concludes that every country must be better prepared to assist mothers and children in emergencies. We also must begin the difficult but urgent work of providing stability in the most fragile regions of the world, and identify ways to build better access to healthcare in these contexts.

Ending preventable deaths of mothers and children will not be possible until fragile countries become more stable and healthcare more accessible.

Available online [here](#).

A Fair Start for Every Child



As the UK economy recovers, the situation for poor children is set to get worse, not better.

Child poverty has already been predicted to rise by one third by 2020. Now, new research presented here, shows how child poverty could rise still further.

A Fair Start for Every Child looks at:

- how poverty is affecting the lives of children in the UK today – their physical health, emotional well-being, cognitive development and educational achievement;
- the development over ten years of the three main drivers of child poverty – flat wage growth, recent pressure on social security spending and the rising cost of living;
- forecasts for these three poverty drivers and the likely impact on children's lives and child poverty rates up to 2020 – the year the main political parties are committed to end child poverty.

Available [here](#).

Inhabiting 'Childhood': Children, Labour and Schooling in Postcolonial India

Although 'multiple childhoods' recognizes children's lives as heterogeneous and culturally inscribed, the figure of the 'victimized' child continues to test the limits of this framework. *Inhabiting 'Childhood'*, authored by Sarada Balagopalan ambitiously redresses these limits by drawing on the everyday experiences of street children and child labourers in Calcutta to introduce the postcolony

as a critical, and thus far absent, lens in theorizing the 'child'. Through capturing a moment in which global, national and local efforts combined to improve and transform these children's lives through school enrolment and new discourses of 'children's rights', this ethnography makes a vital point about the complexity and contemporaneity of their extensive practices of dwelling generated by the exigencies of survival within postcolonial 'development'. These modes of living labour are central to comprehending why these children though desirous of the transition from labour to school, find this difficult to inhabit. This book argues that this difficulty, which can be neither dissolved through a 'cultural' understanding of these lives nor resolved within a more technocratic policy norm, is in fact a very productive opening to re-thinking 'childhood'.

ISBN: 978-0-230-29642-8

Financial institutions and the rights of the child

The report carries out an overview of policies and accountability mechanisms of several financial and development institutions with a view to ascertaining the extent to which they incorporate children's rights as defined in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and the definitions contained in General Comment No 16 in relation to international organizations.

These institutions provide direct funding or other support to private and public economic projects around the world and are therefore a key factor in determining the economic feasibility of such projects.

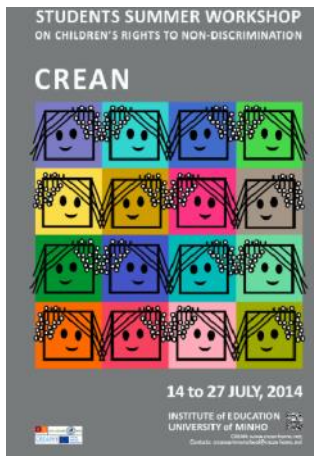
The report is intended to inform a growing but relatively unaware group of human rights defenders, especially those who focus on the rights of the child, with a view to facilitating their advocacy efforts.

Available online [here](#).

Upcoming Dates

JULY**14/07 to 26/07**

CREAN Students
Summer
Workshop,
Braga,
Portugal.

**DECEMBER****04/12 to 05/12**

CREAN
Conference
Children's Rights
to non-
discrimination,
Vilnius,
Lithuania.

**JUNE 2014:**

- 03/06: Turning targets into action: Addressing inequalities in education and training, Brussels, Belgium.
- 03/06 to 05/06: 15th German Child and Youth Welfare Conference (DJHT), Berlin, Germany.
- 05/06: The challenges of living in poverty and experiencing maltreatment on children's future, Padua, Italy.
- 09/06 to 12/06: International Forum for Child Welfare (IFCW) World Forum, Helsinki, Finland.
- 09/06 to 10/06: Asia: Rethinking urbanisation & equity - the potential of urban living for all children, Nottingham, UK.
- 12/06: Acting on the structural causes of child poverty, Brussels, Belgium.
- 16/06 to 04/07: Children at the heart of human rights, University of Geneva, Switzerland.
- 23/06 to 27/06: Human Rights Law Centre Summer School on the Rights of the Child, Nottingham, UK.
- 25/06 to 27/06: 2nd International Congress of educational sciences and development, Granada, Spain.

JULY 2014

- 01/07 to 03/07: Researching children's everyday lives: socio-cultural contexts, Sheffield, UK.
- 07/07 to 11/07: Summer school on international children's rights, Leiden, the Netherlands.
- 15/07 to 18/07: Psychology: Children's Rights and Needs - Challenges to School, Family and Society, Kaunas, Lithuania.
- 20/07 to 25/07: 20th International Aids Conference Melbourne 2014, Melbourne, Australia.
- 24/06 to 26/07: Genital Autonomy 2014 "Whole Bodies, Whole Selves: Activating Social Change", Colorado, USA.
- 26/07 to 02/08: Children as Actors Transforming Society, Caux Palace, Switzerland.
- 28/07 to 22/08: Human Rights for Development' (HR4DEV), Ghent, Belgium.

AUGUST 2014

- 25/08 to 27/08: Transitions in Teacher Education and Professional Identities, Braga, Portugal.
- 26/08 to 29/08: Ensuring the Rights of the Child, and Family-based Services, Waterford, Ireland.

SEPTEMBER 2014

- 03/09 to 04/09: EUSARF 2014 - 13th European Scientific Association for Residential and Foster Care for Children and Adolescents Conference, Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 25/09 to 26/09: Congresso Nacional: Realidades e Desafios no 25ª Aniversário da Convenção sobre os Direitos da Criança: o caso português, Braga, Portugal.
- 29/09 to 01/10: 7th Child in the City Conference, Odense, Denmark.

NOVEMBER 2014

- 05/11 to 06/11: Deprivation of Children's Liberty a Last Resort - Towards Juvenile Justice Guidelines in Asia Pacific and Beyond, Bangkok, Thailand.
- 12/11 to 14/11: VI Congreso Mundial por los derechos de la infancia y adolescencia, Puebla, Mexico.
- 17/11 to 19/11: International Conference 25 Years CRC, Leiden, The Netherlands.
- 26/11 to 28/11: Eurochild's Annual Conference 2014 - Better Public Spending for Better Outcomes for Children & Families, Bucharest, Romania.

Job Opportunities and membership

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).

SAVE THE CHILDREN RESOURCE CENTRE

Save the Children's Resource Centre is an online portal, with updated and reliable information on Child Protection and Child Rights governance. The portal is available to the public and gives access to over 4.000 quality assured publications, articles and other materials in one convenient location. The Resource Centre also give you the possibility to upload and publish your own materials. Usage is free of charge.

Visit the resource centre [here](#)



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



Job and Internship Opportunities:

1. **ECHO Partnership Manager** at Save the Children Brussels - **Deadline: 6 June, 2014**
2. **Advocacy Officer/Manager** at MDAC - Mental Disability Advocacy Center - **Deadline: 6 June, 2014**
3. **Grants Portfolio Manager** at World Vision UK- **Deadline: 15 June, 2014.**
4. **Communication Assistant** at EMHRN - Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network - **Deadline: 15 June, 2014**
5. **Minority Issues and Human Rights Expert** at Federation of Western Thrace Turks in Europe - **Deadline: 1 July, 2014**

How to join ENMCR?

It is possible to join the European Network of Masters in Children's Rights as a member at any time. ENMCR was established in 2004 by five European Universities with the support of Save the Children Sweden (SCS). In the meantime 31 universities are members of ENMCR. ENMCR is collaborating with the Latin American Network of Masters in Children's Rights, which currently comprises nine universities in eight Latin American countries and is also supported by SCS. Furthermore, ENMCR is in contact with academic study programmes on children's rights in other parts of the world, e.g. in the MENA region.

Why is it worthwhile joining our network?

In becoming a member you will work with children's rights experts from all over Europe (and Latin America). We have been cooperating as a network for almost ten years and you will be able to build on the longstanding experience of our members. You will get an insight into children's rights from a variety of perspectives and disciplines. The member universities offer higher education in childhood studies and children's rights, at undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate levels. Some members offer full study programmes in children's rights, others offer modules, seminars or intensive courses. You will have access to knowledge in establishing study programmes, as well as to teaching materials developed in the network. We have implemented several European Union funded projects on children's rights themes and organize conferences, workshops and short intensive programmes in the same field. You will have access to 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 name what you believe you and 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. Our members contribute to ENMCR's work with an annual membership fee of 300€ which covers the daily expenses of the network.

Please send the letter to:
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