

Geneva University Summer School (2014)



SUMMER SCHOOL CHILDREN AT THE HEART OF HUMAN RIGHTS Detailed programme



‘Children at the Heart of Human Rights’

General overview

Week I - Geneva

Children’s rights international standards and monitoring system

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Week II – Geneva

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Week III – Geneva

Children's rights and global issues

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Week I/ 16- 20 June 2014- Children's rights international standards & monitoring system

Monday 16 June 2014

8.30 GSS 2014 Welcome Session.

Uni Mail- Room: MS 060

Coffee and croissants will be served

10.00 Opening

Uni Mail- Room: MS 050

Title: Welcome address and Introduction
Presentation of the course programme

Abstract: The aim of this introductory session is to give a general overview of the course and to get to know the organizers and participants.

Facilitation **PHILIP D. JAFFÉ** is Professor at the University of Geneva's Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences. He is also the Director of the University Institute Kurt Bösch (IUKB) in Sion, Switzerland, which specializes in Children's rights (www.iukb.ch). Along with Jean Zermatten, he is responsible for the sector Child and youth policy within the Swiss Center of Expertise in Human Rights and serves on its Board. Trained in Geneva, New York and Boston, he worked for several years as a clinical and legal psychologist in Massachusetts' maximum security prison mental health system. After returning to Geneva, in addition to part-time academic duties at the University of Geneva and later on at the IUKB, he continued working in the prison system and developed a private practice as a psychotherapist and a court expert. Areas of interest: children in conflict with the law, child-friendly justice, and the field of Children's rights.

JEAN ZERMATTEN was President and Dean of the juvenile Court of the Canton of Valais (Switzerland) from 1980 to 2005; he is also the Founder and Director of the International Institute for the Rights of the Child (IDE) in Sion/Switzerland (www.childsrights.org) and has been Lecturer at the University of Fribourg (Arts Faculty, Social Work and Law Faculty). He has initiated and launched the MAS in Children's Rights, in collaboration with the University of Fribourg and the Institut Universitaire Kurt Bösch and various academic DAS and CAS on children's rights issues for professionals. He is used to working in different continents, including in Africa and is Member of the WAN (West Africa Network for children on the move, with the International Social Service). He is Dr h.c. from the University of Fribourg. Member of the UN Committee for the Rights of the Child since 2005, Vice-Chair 2007-11, Chairperson 2011-2013.

Dr. **ROBERTA RUGGIERO** holds a Master of Law and a PhD in Promotion and Protection of Children's Rights from the University of Molise, Italy. She is Scientific collaborator at the Children's Rights Unit of the University Institute Kurt Bösch (IUKB) in Sion, Switzerland where she works as coordinator of the Master of Advanced Studies in Children's Rights (<http://www.iukb.ch>). She is also scientific coordinator of the Summer School "Children at the Heart of Human Rights" taking place from June 16 to July 4, 2014 at the University of Geneva (www.genevasummerschools.ch/courses-2014). She is also senior lecturer at the University of Padua, Italy, at the Faculty of Political Science in a course on Social Policies Dedicated to Childhood. From 2008 to 2013 she had been the scientific coordinator of the European Network of National Observatories on Childhood (ChildONEurope), Istituto degli Innocenti in Florence, Italy. Prior to these positions she worked as researcher at the International Organization for Migration, at the UNICEF-Innocenti Research Centre and as external professor on children's rights at the Faculty of Human and Social Sciences, University of Molise, Italy from 2000 to 2009. Her research interests and publications include children's right in the EU framework of law, ombudspersons for children, implementation of children's rights, child deinstitutionalization, trafficking in human beings and unaccompanied migrant children, child witchcraft allegation.

11.00 Lecture

Uni Mail- Room: MS 050

Title: Background, motivation and main themes of the CRC

Abstract: The lecture will provide an overview of the historical background and main motivation that led to the drafting and adoption of the UN Convention on the rights of the child in

1989. In a second part it will focus on the description of the structure and main statements enshrined by this international treaty.

Lecturer: **KIRSTEN SANDBERG** is a Norwegian jurist and expert on the rights of children. She is Professor of Law at the University of Oslo Faculty of Law, served as Acting Supreme Court Justice in the Supreme Court of Norway 2010–2011, and in 2011 was elected a member of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child as the nominee of the Government of Norway. From 2012 she is also Pro-Dean for Education of the Faculty of Law. She has been a Visiting Fellow at the European University Institute in Florence and the University of Chicago.

12.30 Lunch Break

14:00 Lecture

Uni Mail- Room: MS 050

Title: **The challenge of Interdisciplinarity: towards a Global Understanding of Children's Rights**

Abstract: Interdisciplinarity is now an important issue for the development of universities and for scientific research to innovate with and beyond disciplinary boundaries. The challenge set by interdisciplinarity is to realize that the progress of knowledge surely involves disciplinary deepening, but requires at the same time openness to the creativity of knowledge transgressing disciplines. This lecture aims to present the main epistemological issues of interdisciplinarity in general as well as its implementation in the field of children's rights. The following questions will be addressed: how children's rights are to be considered as a complex issue and why this complexity requires all actors (researchers, teachers, students, extra-scientific actors and organizations) to adopt a pluralistic perspective that mobilizes and mixes historical, legal, educational etc. knowledge. On the basis of group work, we will also invite participants to reflect on interdisciplinarity in terms of their disciplinary identity, academic trajectory, experiences, expectations and ambitions.

Lecturers: **FRÉDÉRIC DARBELLAY** is Professor at the University Institute Kurt Bösch (IUKB) at Sion in Switzerland, where he is Head of the Inter- and Transdisciplinarity Unit. His research focuses on the study of interdisciplinarity as a creative process of knowledge production between and beyond disciplines. He is author of several publications on the theory and practice of inter- and transdisciplinarity through multiple scientific fields in higher education. Among his main (authored and co-edited) publications are *Interdisciplinarité et Transdisciplinarité en Analyse des Discours*, Slatkine, 2005; *Le Défi de l'Inter- et Transdisciplinarité*, PPUR, 2008; *A Vision of Transdisciplinarity. Laying Foundations for a World Knowledge Dialogue*, EPFL Press/CRC Press, 2008; *Repenser l'Interdisciplinarité*, Slatkine, 2010; *Common Knowledge: The Challenge of Transdisciplinarity*, EPFL Press/CRC Press, 2011; *Au Miroir des Disciplines: Réflexions sur les Pratiques d'Enseignement et de Recherche Inter- et Transdisciplinaires*, Peter Lang, 2011; *La Circulation des Savoirs: Interdisciplinarité, Concepts Nomades, Analogies, Métaphores*, Peter Lang, 2012; *L'interdisciplinarité racontée. Chercher hors frontières, vivre l'interculturalité*, Peter Lang, 2014. Frédéric Darbellay is a member of the U.S.-based Association for Interdisciplinary Studies (AIS) and the International Network for Interdisciplinarity and Transdisciplinarity (INIT).

ZOE MOODY is Professor at the Swiss University of Teacher Education, Valais. She holds a Bachelor of Pre-primary and Primary Education and an Interdisciplinary Master in Children's Rights of the University Institute Kurt Bösch and the University of Fribourg and is currently preparing her PhD Thesis at the University of Geneva. Her research and publications lie at the intersection between educational sciences and the field of children's rights, mobilising in an interdisciplinary manner historical and/or "gender" perspectives. She has been awarded the "Best innovation work in the field of human rights" (Humanrights.ch 2010) and a Special Mention of the Veillard Cybulski Jury (International Association of Judges of Youth and Family, 2010).

15.30 Coffee Break

16:00 Closing

Tuesday 17 June 2014

09.00 Lecture

Uni Mail- Room: MS 050

Title: Civil and Political Rights

Abstract: The lecture will introduce and discuss the evolution and relevance for children of civil and political rights, mainly focusing on the development and content of civil and political rights within the international global level.

Lecturer: Dr. **ROBERTA RUGGIERO** (biography provided earlier)

10.30 Coffee break

11.00 Lecture

Uni Mail- Room: MS 050

Title: Economic, social and cultural Rights

Abstract: The lecture will introduce and discuss the evolution and relevance for children of economic, social and cultural rights, mainly focusing on the development and content of economic, social and cultural rights within the international global level.

Lecturer: **HATEM KOTRANE** is a Professor-Director in the Department of Private Law at the University of Tunis. He has served on the Committee on the Rights of the Child since 2003. Mr Kotrane has been an expert consultant to both UNICEF and ILO and provided consultation on the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

12.30 Lunch Break

14:00 Lecture

Uni Mail- Room: MS 050

Title: UN Committee on the right of the child: role, structure, functioning and methods of work

Abstract: The lecture will provide a comprehensive overview on the UN Committee on the CRC in relation to its specific mandate, structure and *modus operandi*. The lecturer will provide her insights on the functioning of the CRC Committee and its specific role in relation to its constant '*constructive dialogue*' with the Member States.

Lecturer: **MARIA HERCZOG**, Ph.D, is visiting lecturer at the ELTE Budapest University Doctoral School in Social Policy, Social Work, Chair of the Family Child Youth Association since 2005. She was elected as a member to the UN CRC Committee in 2007 and re-elected in 2010, and as a rapporteur of the Committee in 2013. She was elected as president in 2010, re-elected in 2013 of Eurochild, the umbrella organisation of NGOs and experts working on child rights, tackling social exclusion and poverty of children in 35 countries. Dr. Herczog has been doing research on child welfare, child protection and on child rights, family matters in the last 30 years, author of several books, book chapters and journal articles. Dr. Herczog has been publishing both in Hungary and abroad books, book chapters and articles on child welfare and protection issues. Her recent research topics include issues related to early childhood, prevention and early intervention opportunities for children at risk.

15.30 Coffee Break

16.00 Project Work

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Facilitation **ROBERTA RUGGIERO**

17.30 Closing

Wednesday 18 June 2014

09.00 Lecture

CRC Committee, Palais Wilson, Geneva

Title: UN Children's rights monitoring mechanisms: the new CRC Communications Procedure

Abstract: The lecture will present the UN monitoring mechanisms dedicated to children's rights and will focus on the background, material content and procedural particularities of the CRC Optional protocol on individual complaints. The lecturers will also highlight future expectations.

Lecturer: **RENATE WINTER** is a judge to the Special Court for Sierra Leone and an expert on family law, juvenile justice systems, women's justice issues and child labour. She is a founding member of the International Institute for the Rights of the Child (IDE) which is dedicated to the worldwide training of judicial personnel and dissemination of information on children's rights and former president of the International Association of Youth and Family Court Judges. Winter is furthermore contributor to the Draft Model Law on Juvenile Justice, the UN Manual on Juvenile Justice, and the Draft Model Law on Child Victims & Witness Protection. Throughout the 1990s, Justice Winter chaired numerous international conferences on matters relating to juvenile justice and gender-related justice issues. Winter holds a Law Degree as well as a Master Degree in Interpretation from the University of Vienna.

10.30 Coffee Break

11.00 Project Work

CRC Committee, Palais Wilson, Geneva

12.30 Lunch Break

14:00 Lecture

CRC Committee, Palais Wilson, Geneva

Title: Strengthening the human rights treaty body system

Abstract: The lecture will present the current state of affairs of the human rights treaty body system and provide a critical overview of the reform process, which recently affected the UN human rights treaty body system.

Lecturer: **PAULO DAVID** is working for the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) since 1995. He was Secretary of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child until 2005 and thereafter OHCHR's Regional Representative in the Pacific. He is working since 2008 as Chief of Section for the Human Rights Treaties Division in OHCHR and has been in charge, among others, of the treaty body strengthening process. Before joining the UN, Paulo David worked for the media, for the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent (in Romania and Turkey) and for Defence for Children-International. Paulo David studied international relations-political sciences (Bachelor), international public administration (post-graduate) and holds a PhD in law from the Free University of Amsterdam. He is the author of a number of publications, including "Human Rights in Youth Sports. A critical review of children's rights in competitive sports" London: Routledge (2005).

15.30 Coffee Break

16.00 Visit

Visit of the Palais Wilson

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17.30 Closing

Thursday 19 June 2014

09.00 Lecture

Uni Mail- Room: MS 050

Title: Universal Periodic Review

Abstract: This lecture will commence with the presentation of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) mechanism and discuss the importance attached to children's rights within the UPR procedure established by the Human Rights Council. The lecture will continue by addressing the issues related to the role of civil society actors in this process and its importance for children rights.

Lecturer: **JENNIFER PHILPOT-NISSEN** is the Human Rights Advisor for World Vision International, and has been with the organization since 2004. Originally from the UK, she graduated from Nottingham University with a Masters degree in International Human Rights Law, and then worked for the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights for 8 years, working primarily on child rights issues such exploitation and abuse of children, and the involvement of children in armed conflict. She facilitates the engagement of World Vision offices around the world with the UN human rights mechanisms, particularly the Committee on the Rights of the Child and the Universal Periodic Review. In recent years, this work has increasingly focused on the participation of children to engage at the international level as their own advocates for change, an area of work for which she has a particular passion.

10.30 Coffee break

11.00 Lecture

Uni Mail- Room: MS 050

Title: Special and Individual complaint procedures

Abstract: This lecture will provide students with an introduction to the 'special and individual complaint procedures' available in the UN monitoring system. The lecturer will also present her own insights on the subject.

Lecturer: **NEKANE LAVIN** is a Human Rights Officer at the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. She has a background in international human rights law and international criminal law. Before joining OHCHR she served as a Legal Investigator at the UN-backed International Commission against Impunity in Guatemala (CICIG), providing assistance to national prosecutors in prosecuting criminal networks involved in illegal adoptions. Prior to that, she worked as an Investigator at the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC), conducting investigations in the first cases of the Court concerning the commission of war crimes and crimes against humanity in Eastern DRC. Nekane has also conducted human rights monitoring, reporting and advocacy activities in the UN Peace Mission in the DRC (former MONUC). Currently she supports the UN special procedures mandate on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography.

12.30 Lunch Break

14.00 Trip

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More details will be provided later

16.30 Closing

Friday 20 June 2014

09.00 Lecture

Uni Mail- Room: MS 050

Title: NGOs' advocacy role in the monitoring process at international and regional level.

Abstract: Children's rights NGOs, which do represent civil society especially children, have the right to intervene during the State report procedure to the UN-CRC Committee. The lecture will discuss their contribution and impact for children's rights implementation. The case of Switzerland will be presented as an example.

Lecturer: **PAOLA RIVA GAPANY** is a lawyer graduated from the University of Neuchatel and holding a Master degree in international and comparative law (LL.M) from the George Washington University (Washington DC, USA).

Paola Riva Gapany is currently Deputy Director of the International Institute for the Rights of the Child (IDE). She represents the IDE as a scientific collaborator for the Swiss Center of Expertise in Human Rights (SCHR). She is also a member of the national group of experts against excision and of the Board of Directors of the Swiss Foundation for the Children Protection.

10.30 Coffee break

11.00 Lecture

Uni Mail- Room: MS 050/Defence for Children International

Title: DCI' role in the monitoring process

Abstract: This lecture will discuss the importance role played by the NGO's within the UN and CRC monitoring process. The lecture will continue by presenting the specific activity of Defence for Children International in this context.

Lecturer: **ILEANA BELLO** is the Executive Director of Defense for Children International (DCI). DCI is an independent non-governmental organization that has been promoting and protecting children's rights for over 30 years. On a regional, national and local level, DCI is active through its associated members and national sections in 47 countries across the globe. All national sections and associated members design their programs according to the specific needs and priorities of the children in their respective countries, focusing on various areas of work, including juvenile justice, child labor, child rights' to education, child participation and children in armed conflict, among others. Located in Geneva, DCI's International Secretariat (IS) is the focal point of DCI as an international movement. The IS focuses mainly on lobbying, research and advocacy work, primarily around the issue of juvenile justice (which is the priority of the movement at international level) as well as carrying out technical assistance and capacity building to its national sections and associated members.

12.30 Lunch Break

14.00 Lecture

Uni Mail- Room: MS 050

Title: Looking back at two decades of international child rights advocacy: Paradoxes, asymmetries and the challenges ahead

Abstract: The lecture will present the main findings of an interdisciplinary research project (the "Living Rights/Translations" project) that aimed to gain insights into the processes of prioritisation in international child rights advocacy. The project – which has studied the practice of selected UN entities and international NGOs since the adoption of the CRC – strived to go beyond received ideas about child rights priorities, which present them as the objective translation of children's realities. The research findings shed light, in particular, on the links between the trajectories of child rights issues and the increasing institutionalization of children's rights.

Lecturer: **MICHELE PORETTI** is senior researcher at the Children's Rights Teaching and Research Unit of the University Institute Kurt Bösch (IUKB). He also works as an independent consultant and evaluator for nongovernmental organizations, in Switzerland and abroad. He has an interdisciplinary academic training and a decade-long experience in the humanitarian field, namely within the International Committee of the Red Cross. He has a Master (MA) in Economics and Social Sciences of the University of Fribourg (1992), a Certificate in Evaluation of public policies of the Swiss Graduate School of Public Administration of Lausanne (2008) and an interdisciplinary Master (MAS) in Children's Rights of the IUKB and the University of Fribourg (2011). His research interests are located at the intersection of theory and practice. He studies, in particular, the processes through which child rights-based organizations translate local knowledge into interventions and the paradoxes associated to the institutionalization of children's rights, namely through laws and policies.

15.30 Coffee break

16.00 Role-playing game

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Facilitation **MICHELE PORETTI**

17.30 Closing

Week II/ 23- 27 June 2014- Children's rights and society

Monday 23 June 2014

09.00 Lecture

Uni Mail- Room: MR 030

Title: Schools of thought in children's rights

Abstract: The lecture aims reflecting on the differences amongst conceptions of children's rights by proposing a heuristic structure which presents the various approaches as 'schools of thought' in children's rights, taking into account key issues on which opinions diverge.

Lecturer: **KARL HANSON** is Professor in Public Law at the Children's Rights Unit, University Institute Kurt Bösch (IUKB) in Sion, Switzerland. He obtained his doctorate in Law from Ghent University, Belgium, where he worked as a Researcher at the Children's Rights Centre and as a Senior Researcher at the Human Rights Centre. His publications and main research interests are in the emerging field of interdisciplinary children's rights studies and include international children's rights advocacy, child labour and working children, juvenile justice and the role of independent national children's rights institutions. He teaches at the IUKB in the Master interdisciplinaire en droits de l'enfant (MIDE). He is also the Programme Director of the Master of Advanced Studies in Children's Rights (MCR) and a member of the Directive Committee of the European Network of Masters in Children's Rights (ENMCR). He is a member of the Scientific Committee of the National Observatory on Childhood in Danger (ONED, France) and an editor of the journal Childhood (Sage).

10.30 Coffee break

11.00 Lecture

Uni Mail- Room: MR 030

Title: Drafting history and general principles of the CRC

Abstract: The lecture will give insights in the events that took place during and around the drafting process of the CRC, emphasizing the unique role played therein by children's rights' NGOs. The lecturer will also give critical insights into the reasons for and the context in which the Committee on the Rights of the Child adopted four general principles as the guiding principles for interpreting the CRC.

Lecturer: **NIGEL CANTWELL** is a children's rights consultant based in Geneva, Switzerland, working on children's rights and child protection issues, including juvenile justice, alternative care and inter-country adoption. He founded Defense for Children International (DCI) in 1979 and coordinated the NGO Group's input into the drafting of the CRC. He has previously worked with DCI, UNICEF's Regional Office for Europe and UNICEF's Innocenti Research Centre.

12.30 Lunch

14.00 Lecture

Uni Mail- Room: MR 030

Title: The best interests of the child

Abstract: This lecture will discuss the concept of the best interests of the child, considering how it can and should apply in legislation and policy. It will thereby analyse the criteria to be taken into account when discussing the best interests of the child from a holistic approach.

Lecturer: **JEAN ZERMATTEN**

15.30 Coffee break

16.00 Project Work

Uni Mail- Room: MR 030

17.30 Closing

Tuesday 24 June 2014

09.00 Lecture

Uni Mail- Room: MR 030

Title: The Right of the Child to be Heard

Abstract: This lecture will discuss the concept of children's participation, considering how the concept is related to the general children's rights framework. Also, diverse frameworks for understanding why child participation is seen as important, as well as different perspectives on children's participation will be discussed.

Lecturer: Ms **NEVENA VUCKOVIC SAHOVIC** was a Member and General Rapporteur of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (2003-2009). She is a full time professor at the Law Faculty, UNION University in Belgrade, Serbia, teaching International Public Law, and Family Law with Rights of the Child. She holds a PhD in Law from the Belgrade University Law School.

Ms Vučković Šahović is a founding member of the Child Rights Centre, Belgrade and a founding member and a board member of the Belgrade Centre for Human Rights.

Since 1991, she carried out and participated in research and other projects on human rights and rights of the child, lectured at universities and trained in: Macedonia, Montenegro, Bulgaria, Romania, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Croatia, Albania, Kyrgyzstan, Ukraine and Oman, USA, The Netherlands, Germany and Switzerland.

Ms Vučković Šahović is the author of number of books and articles, published in the country and abroad.

10.30 Coffee break

11.00 Lecture

Uni Mail- Room: MR 030

Title: Current trends and challenges in children's rights

Abstract: The lecturer will present the work of the CRC Committee, based on his experience as former Chairperson of that Committee, and will discuss the relative strengths and weaknesses of the work done by the Committee so far. The lecturer will present his viewpoints on how the impact of the CRC and the broader children's rights framework might be evolving during the next years.

Lecturer: **JEAN ZERMATTEN**

12.30 Lunch break

14.00 Film Screening

Uni Mail- Room: MR 030

Title: The 'Living Rights' documentary film series

Abstract: The lecturer will provide an overview about it professional practice in the directing and producing documentary film on different social issues affecting children and adolescents.

Lecturer: **DUCO TELLEGEN** started filmmaking at a School of Art in Utrecht, The Netherlands. Besides directing and producing his own documentary films on different social issues, he worked as production- and director assistant, researcher and sound engineer for many film productions worldwide. Among his films are: Who needs us, portrait of the inhabitants of an apartment building in Moscow on the verge of collapsing, while the city celebrates its anniversary; Woat et Aule Es, about Bolivian Mennonites and their conflict with the modern world; Behind Closed Eyes on war-children from Liberia, Kosovo, Cambodia and Rwanda who try to build a future despite their past; and Living Rights, a six part documentary series on the rights of the child seen from the perspective of everyday life. His films won several international awards

15.30 Coffee break

16.00 Visit

United Nation Headquarters - Palais des Nations

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17.30 Closing

Wednesday 25 June 2014

09.00 Lecture

Uni Mail- Room: MR 030

Title: Children's competence and participation

Abstract: The lecture will discuss the diverse frameworks for understanding why child participation is seen, as important, as well as different perspectives on children's participation will be addressed. A specific focus on the 'competence' of child will be critical discussed with an operational oriented approach.

Lecturer: **DANIEL STOECKLIN** is Associate Professor in Sociology, at the University Institute Kurt Bösch (Sion, Switzerland). His areas of research and teaching are the sociology of childhood, children's rights, street children, participation and the capability approach. He also works with the International Institute for the Rights of the Child (Sion, Switzerland) on a training programme in China. He has been involved with several NGO projects in the field of children in difficult situations, and as an Independent Expert for the Council of Europe regarding children's participation.

10.30 Coffee break

11.00 Lecture

Uni Mail- Room: MR 030

Title: Universal Human Rights and cultural relativism

Abstract: This lecture will provide an introduction to some of the larger philosophical and normative issues concerning international human rights law and its implementation in different contexts. The lecture will address the question of human rights, universality and cultural relativism in general before going on to examine the particularities of children's rights, universality, diversity and legal pluralism.

Lecturer: **KARL HANSON**

12.30 Lunch

14.00 Film 'Water' and discussion - 117 minutes

Uni Mail- Room: MR 030

Title: Traditional practices: early marriage.

Abstract: After a brief introduction on the so called 'traditional practices' the lecture will focus on child early marriage and the related violations of the rights of the girls. To further introduce the subject of the discussion She will show the *Water*, which is a 2005 Canadian film directed by Deepa Mehta, and written and translated by Anurag Kashyap. It is set in 1938 and explores the lives of widows at an ashram in Varanasi, India. The film examines the plight of a group of widows forced into poverty at a temple in the holy city of Varanasi. It focuses on the relationship between one of the widows, who wants to escape the social restrictions imposed on widows, and a man who is from the highest caste and a follower of Mahatma Gandhi.

Lecturer: **PAOLA RIVA GAPANY**

15.30 Coffee break

16.00 Discussion of the film (continued)

Facilitation **PAOLA RIVA GAPANY**

17.30 Closing

Thursday 26 June 2014

09.00 Lecture

Uni Mail- Room: MR 030

Title: Children's Rights in Africa

Abstract: This lecture will discuss the regional instruments for the implementation of children's rights. The content of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child as well as the functions of the Committee of African Union Experts on the Charter will be outlined and compared with the UN CRC.

Lecturer: **KAMEL FILALI** received a doctorate degree from the faculty of history in Strasbourg (France), is a Professor in History of modern Maghreb at the university Mentouri-Constantine. He is heading the laboratory of studies & Researches on Socio-Historical Migratory Movements (LERSHMM) Migratory "Harakât al-Hijra wa al Rihla" . He is the author of many contributions at international congresses on mobility, cultural history and religious and ethnic movements in the Southern Mediterranean. Filali is also a member of the National Advisory Commission for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights of Algeria and a member of the newly created African Union Commission of International Law

10.30 Coffee break

11.00 Lecture

Uni Mail- Room: MR 030

Title: Children's Rights in India

Abstract: The lecture will present the evolution of the regional instruments and policies on the implementation of the children's rights in India. In particular, she will critically discuss the impact of legislative changes on the childhood conditions in India.

Lecturer: **SARADA BALAGOPALAN** is Associate Fellow at the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), Delhi, India. She holds a doctorate from New York University on the literacy experiences of street children in Calcutta and has been deeply involved in translating her research interests into pedagogic and curricular interventions. She also co-edits Contemporary Education Dialogue, an interdisciplinary journal on education in South Asia.

12.30 Lunch break

14.00 Group Discussion

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Title: Group I & II

Abstract:

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15.30 Coffee break

16.00 Visit

International Labour Organization (ILO)

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More details will be provided later

17.30 Closing

Friday 27 June 2014

09.00 Lecture

Uni Mail- Room: MR 030

Title: Introduction and overview of the debate on child labour and education

Abstract: The lecture will give an overall introduction to the topics currently discussed in the child labour and right to education fields, including definitions of child labour, statistics, relations between education and labour and competing approaches towards child labour

Lecturer: KARL HANSON

10.30 Coffee break

11.00 Lecture

Uni Mail- Room: MR 030

Title: Child labour in Africa

Abstract: The lecture will present an overview of the situation and perspectives of working children in some African regions, placed in the broader debate on child work in Africa

Lecturer: KAMEL FILALI

12.30 Lunch

14.00 Lecture

Uni Mail- Room: MR 030

Title: Child labour and children's work in India

Abstract: The lecture will give a general overview on child labour and children's work in India, with a particular emphasis on empirical discussions of legislations, their historical contexts and present status. It will also include some critical suggestions to develop perspectives on the idea of 'responsibility'.

Lecturer: SARADA BALAGOPALAN

15.30 Coffee break

16.00 Film 'A kind of Childhood' and discussion – 51 minutes

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Title: Child labour and education

Abstract: It is a film of 2005 following several children over a period of six years in Dhaka, Bangladesh. A Kind of Childhood is an attempt to focus on the realities of child labour, with real children, their struggles and dreams. Directors: Tareque Masud and Catherine Masud, Producers: Trudie Styler and Susan Bissell

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17.30 Closing

Week III/ 30 June- 04 July 2014- Children Rights and global issues

Monday 30 June 2014

09.00 Project Work

Uni Mail- Room: MR 030

10.30 Coffee break

11.30 Lecture

Uni Mail- Room: MR 030

Title: Children's rights and Internet Safety

Abstract: This lecture on Children and the Internet will address the main current issues in Children's Rights and Internet Safety and provide the international and European legal framework with regard to these issues. The lecture will be interactive and the students will be asked to take an active part in analysing Internet-related risks and opportunities for children's rights. Some of the main issues addressed will be online commercial sexual exploitation of children, cyber-grooming and cyber-bullying, sexting and online gaming, as well as the existing means to tackle such phenomena. Two case studies based upon real situations will be provided and discussed.

Lecturers: **SUSANA GREIJER** holds a PhD and an LL.M. in International Law from the European University Institute and a Master's degree in International Affairs from Sciences Po Paris. She has been researching and working on children's rights since 2006, in particular on children in armed conflict and international crimes against children. Her PhD thesis is entitled "The Crimes of Recruiting and Using Children in Armed Conflict" and addresses children's participation in armed conflict from the perspectives of international human rights law, international humanitarian law and international criminal law. She also has experience working with children affected by armed conflict in Colombia. Susanna Greijer currently works as a project officer for ECPAT and as an independent expert on children's rights issues, among others for the Council of Europe. At ECPAT, she is one of the coordinators of a European project against child sex tourism, with a strong focus on the Internet.

ELIZABETH MILOVIDOV is an Attorney and Child Rights Advocate. She is an Assistant Professor at the University of Cergy Pontoise Law School, Paris, France, and an Associate Professor at the American Graduate School in Paris. Prior positions include Litigation Attorney in a San Francisco law firm and General Counsel in two French Internet technology companies.

As a parent and lawyer, Elizabeth has shifted her focus from Internet and Business law to Children's Rights Law and Internet Safety. Elizabeth regularly lectures on Internet safety, leads workshops for parents, and blogs for the Family Online Safety Institute. She obtained a PhD in International Relations and Diplomacy (Dissertation: *Intercountry Adoptions and the Internet*) (American Graduate School, Paris, France) and holds an MBA / M.A. (European University, Paris, France), a J.D. / M.A. in Law and Political Science (University of California, Davis, USA) and a Bachelor's in Economics (University of California, Los Angeles, USA).

12.30 Lunch

14.00 Customised Visit

International Telecommunications Union (ITU)

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15.30 Coffee break

16.00 Continued

17.30 Closing

Tuesday 1 July 2014

09.00 Lecture

Uni Mail- Room: MR 030

Title: Ombuds for Change: A global perspective on Independent Human Rights Institutions on Children (IHRIC)

Abstract: The lecture will reflect over the increasing implementations gap of child rights vision and practice, the lack of innovative governance to bridge the gap, and how Ombuds for Children can play a crucial role in addressing the need for change. The Ombuds for Children, with a holistic mandate by the Convention, is one of the few setups in a society that can perform the role as a strategic entrepreneur in policymaking. As a Change Agent the Ombud will be a knowledge entrepreneur who acts as a catalyst for change in governance, organisational structures and mind-set. Holding this strategic position, the Change Agent must be committed, mandated and resourced to critically review and refine child policy and to pave the way for the full and holistic implementation of children's rights in practice.

Lecturer: **TROND WAAGE** is a child rights expert based in Norway working on the promotion of children's rights and child protection issues. Previously he worked at the UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre in Florence, Italy as child rights expert. For eight years he covered the position of Norway's Ombudsman for Children. In this role he initiated the European Network of Ombudspersons for Children (ENOC) and was involved in setting up ombuds offices for children in Europe and Africa. His previous positions have included Senior Advisor for the Ministry of Children and Family Affairs in Norway; Director of Research at Child watch International Research Network, a global nongovernmental network of institutions that collaborate in research on improving children's well-being; Senior Programme Officer at what is now the International Council for Open and Distance Education (ICDE), where he ran multi-channel learning projects in developing countries in co-operation with UN agencies, bilateral agencies and national authorities; and Director of the TV Department at the University of Oslo, Department of Special Education.

10.30 Coffee break

11.00 Lecture

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Title: The role of the Ombuds for children: multilevel governance

Abstract: The lecture will present the outcomes of a comparative analysis on the different Ombudsperson offices already established within three decentralised countries with regional autonomies - Belgium, Spain and the United Kingdom and will provide a critical discussion on the particular characteristics of these institutions, in order to explain how, within these States, regional and national governments implement the related international prescriptions.

Lecturer: **ROBERTA RUGGIERO**

12.30 Lunch

14.00 Lecture

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Title: Experience from National Ombudsperson: New Brunswick (Canada)

Abstract: The lecture will present the Canadian approaches to Child Rights enforcement and advocacy with some emphasis on the experience at the Office of the Child and Youth Advocate in New Brunswick

Lecturer: **CHRISTIAN WHALEN** is a graduate of Carleton University (B.A. 1987), UNB (LLB 1989) and Université de Strasbourg III (DEA 1993) where he studied as a New Brunswick Law Foundation Scholar, French Government Scholar and Fellow of the European Human Rights Commission. After working in private practice and with the Attorney General's Office in NB he served as Legal Counsel to the Human Rights Commission and then as Legal Counsel with the Office of the Ombudsman and Child and Youth Advocate. He was appointed Acting Child and Youth Advocate for the Province of New Brunswick on April 1, 2011. He has served as Vice Chairperson of the New Brunswick Arts Board and Chairperson of the New Brunswick Foundation for the Arts. He was the Founding Chairperson of the Canadian Bar Association NB Branch's Children's Law Section and of the CBA's National Children's Law Committee and founding Secretary-General of the Working Group on Children's Rights in French-speaking regions.

15.30 Coffee break

16.00 Group discussion

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Facilitators: **TROND WAAGE AND ROBERTA RUGGIERO**

17.30 Closing

Wednesday 2 July 2014

09.00 Lecture

Uni Mail- Room: MR 030

Title: **Child trafficking: key statistics, official guidance and practices**

Abstract: The lecture provides an overview of the key national and international actors and current responses to child trafficking, in the light of relevant international and regional standards. It explores the state of knowledge with regard to patterns and scope of child trafficking, drawing upon official data and statistics, noting also their inherent biases. Concrete case examples from different parts of the world are presented to illustrate the complexity of the issues at stake, the different perspectives involved and the challenges and opportunities for addressing it effectively.

Lecturer: **DAJA WENKE** is an independent researcher and consultant, she has long-standing professional experience working with Unicef and other organisations on the prevention of and response to the exploitation of children, including in the context of trafficking, and safeguarding children's rights in transnational situations. She has specialised on law and policy analysis and applied research aiming to contribute to evidence informed and rights-based policy making, programming and advocacy. A guiding interest in her work is to promote systemic approaches to the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and other international standards.

10.30 Coffee break

11.00 Lecture

Uni Mail- Room: MR 030

Title: **Protection and Participation of children in armed conflict**

Abstract: This lecture will address a series of issues relative to children's involvement in armed conflict from the perspectives of international human rights, humanitarian, and criminal law. It will set forth the legal framework governing children's protection in armed conflict, and raise some relevant questions as to what happens when children, despite the existing legal norms, participate in armed conflict. The students will be guided through an interactive analysis of concepts such as "direct participation" of children in armed conflict, "lex specialis" in relation to the protection of children, and the term "child soldier". Examples of past and on-going armed conflicts in which children have been/are involved will be used to illustrate theoretical concepts throughout the lecture. With the international legal framework as backdrop, the students will also be asked to reflect upon situations such as peace keeping/enforcement operations in conflict contexts in which children are involved.

Lecturer: **SUSANNA GREIJER**

12.30 Lunch

14.00 Visit

Red Cross Museum

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MOHAMMED ALROZZI

More details will be provided later

15.30 Coffee break

16.00 Project Work

17.30 Closing

Thursday 3 July 2014

09.00 Lecture

United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR)

Title: Children's rights in refugee situations

Abstract: This lecture provides an overview of the protection paradigm of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and will focus on the issue of child and family protection in situations of population movements, either as refugees or as internally displaced persons.

Lecturer: **MONIKA SANDVIK-NYLUND** is Senior Adviser (Children) at UNHCHR Headquarter in Geneva. She has worked for the last 20 years in the field of child protection and humanitarian affairs. Prior to her current function she has worked with UNICEF, the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) and with the UN Mission in Sudan, as well as Save the Children. She has lived and worked in Sudan, Kenya, DRC, Sri Lanka and Thailand. She has an LL.M from Columbia University and a MA from Åbo Akademi University, Finland. Prior to her academic studies she trained and worked as a Registered Nurse and Community Worker.

10.30 Coffee break

11.00 Visit and discussion

United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR)

Title: Group discussion on: determining the best interests of the child

Facilitation: **MONIKA SANDVIK-NYLUND**

12.30 Lunch Break

14.00 Lecture

United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR)

Title: Childhood Wellbeing: the child human rights to water and sanitation

Abstract: The lecture will present an overview of the general and specific international norms that are relevant to guarantee and protect children's rights to health with a focus on water and sanitation. In a second part, the presentation with an operational oriented approach will discuss the challenges regarding the implementation of the right to water and sanitation through the presentation of some practices.

Lecturer: **ANTOINE DELEPIERE** has 14 years of professional experience as a project manager and as adviser in development and in emergency aid projects in the water, sanitation and environment sector. A hydrogeologist by training, his expertise includes water supply, sanitation and environment protection, as well as general project cycle management in multidisciplinary programmes. He has broad and practical experience in the development. Responsible for the WASH policy within *Terre des hommes* he was in charge of the advocacy related to right to water and sanitation. He was involved in the session 41.4 related to Water Right in Emergency in the World Water Forum in Istanbul in 2009. He also contributed to the discussion related to the best practices consultation before the 15th session of the Human Rights Council done by the Independent Expert Ms Catarina de Albuquerque on the issue of human rights obligations related to safe drinking water and sanitation. He is now consultant on Water, Sanitation and Environment.

15.30 Coffee break

16.00 Project Work

Preparation of the presentations

17.30 Closing

Friday 4 July 2014

09.00 Project Work

Presentation of project work

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10.30 Coffee break

11.00 Project Work (Continued)

Presentation of project work

Facilitation **ROBERTA RUGGIERO & MOHAMMED ALROZZI**

12.30 Lunch Break

14.00 Wrap up session

Facilitation **ROBERTA RUGGIERO & MOHAMMED ALROZZI**

15.30 Coffee break

16.00 Final Evaluation

Facilitation **ROBERTA RUGGIERO & MOHAMMED ALROZZI**

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