

CREAN Conference
CHILDREN'S RIGHTS AND THE AIMS OF EDUCATION

University of Geneva
Centre for Children's Rights Studies
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Programme

Rationale

The conference is open for CREAN/ENMCR members as well as interested participants, in particular from Geneva based international organizations. It aims to carry on the dialogue on children's rights between higher education institutions and governmental and nongovernmental organizations. The conference theme, children's rights and the aims of education, allows bringing together perspectives from academia and professional partners both on children's rights education as well as on academic teaching and learning.

Welcome addresses (8:45 – 9:00)

- Prof. Christine Chappuis, Dean of the Law Faculty, University of Geneva
- Prof. Pascal Zesiger, Dean of the Faculty of Psychology and Educational sciences, University of Geneva
- Prof. Philip Jaffé, Director of the Centre for Children's Rights Studies, University of Geneva

Morning plenary session (9:00 – 10:30) – Children's rights education

Chair: Prof. Karl Hanson, Deputy-Director of the Centre for Children's Rights Studies, University of Geneva

Keynote speakers

- Human rights education, Elena Ippoliti, Human Rights Officer, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Geneva
- The right to education and development, Mark Mason, Senior Programme Specialist at the UNESCO International Bureau of Education in Geneva and Professor in the Department of International Education and Lifelong Learning at the Hong Kong Institute of Education
- Education on children's rights, Dr. Ann Quennerstedt, Associate Professor in Education, School of Humanities, Education and Social Sciences - Örebro University (Sweden)

Coffee and Tea (11.00 – 11:30)

Morning round table session (11:30 – 13:00) – Children's rights education

Chair: Prof. Maria Roth, Chair of the UNCRC Policy Centre - Babes-Bolyai University (Romania)

Panellists:

- Right to education and the Post-2015 MDG, Prof. Michel Carton, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva
- The history of childhood and children's rights education, Dr. Joëlle Droux, Faculty of Psychology and Educational sciences, University of Geneva

- Korczak and beyond: promotion of human rights through education, Dr. Daniel Halpérin, Paediatrician and President of the Swiss Janusz Korczak Association

Lunch (13:00 – 14:30)

Afternoon plenary session (14:30 – 15:30) – Children's rights in higher education

Chair: Dr. Roberta Ruggiero Senior Research Associate, Centre for Children's Rights Studies, University of Geneva

- Presentation of CREAN results: strengths and challenges, Rita Nunes, CREAN Project Coordinator
- CREAN MA Thesis Prize Ceremony, Prof. Wouter Vandenhoe, UNICEF Chair in Children's Rights at the University of Antwerp (Belgium)

Prizewinners

- Felicitas Eser: In which world would you want to live? – How children in Nicaragua would set their demands for a Post2015-development agenda
- Diana Volonakis: The children's rights movement and counter-movement in interaction. A case study of the Campaign for US ratification of the CRC and ParentalRights.org

Afternoon round table session (15:30 – 16:45) – Children's rights in higher education

Chair: Prof. Kay Tisdall, Professor of Childhood Policy and Co-director of the Centre for Research on Families and Relationships, University of Edinburgh (UK)

Video statements:

- Children's rights in higher education in Asia, Dr. Archana Mehendale, Centre for Child and Law, Bangalore; Tata Institute of Social Sciences and the College of Social Work, Mumbai, (India)
- Children's rights in higher education in Africa, Prof. Julia Sloth-Nielsen, University of the Western Cape (Republic of South Africa) *(tbc)*
- Children's rights in higher education in Latin-America, Alejandro Cussiánovich Dr. h.c., Director of the Instituto de Formación para Educadores de Jóvenes, Adolescentes y Niños Trabajadores de América Latina (IFEJANT), Lima, Peru

Panellists:

- The Council of Europe's role in supporting children's rights in higher education, Regina Jensdottir, Head of the Children's Rights Division – Council of Europe *(tbc)*
- The role of NGOs in children's rights education at the university, Christine Lundberg, Head of Child Rights Governance, Save the Children Sweden
- A perspective from the Committee on the Rights of the Child, Peter Guráň, Member of the CRC Committee and Head of International Relations and Children's Rights Department of Slovak National Centre for Human Rights (Slovakia)

Closing session (16:45 – 17:00) – Children's Rights in higher education

- Future directions, Prof. Karl Hanson, Deputy-Director of the Centre for Children's Rights Studies, University of Geneva

Closing reception (17:00 – 18:30)