INTERDISCIPLINARY AND INTERSECTIONAL CHALLENGES IN CHILDHOOD STUDIES AND CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

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Recently, intersectionality has started to be an important approach in interdisciplinary human and children’s rights oriented research. The term was introduced in the late 1980s by Kimberlé Crenshaw. Discussions on intersectionality as an important concept in contemporary research and activism have been placed mainly in women’s studies, gender studies, sex and race studies and increasingly in discriminatory practices due to class, religion, language and education. However, until today, in childhood and children’s rights studies intersectionality has not received only limited attention.

There is wide agreement, that childhood and children’s rights can only be meaningfully researched from several, overlapping disciplines - similarly, children rights (violations) need to be looked at through the intersection of various factors.

The conference therefore aims to unravel and discuss the contemporary interdisciplinary and intersectional challenges faced by childhood and children’s rights scholars today. It aims at creating conditions for dialogue as well as exchange of experiences and ideas from research and of activism connected with children’s rights and childhoods in different contexts, space and places.

AUDIENCE

This scientific conference, which is part of the activities developed by the Children’s Rights European Academic Network (CREAN), is open to CREAN members as well as for other interested participants. We particularly invite researchers, teachers and students, activists and policy-makers, staff members of NGOs and international organizations who work on themes related to intersectionality, interdisciplinarity, childhood, children’s rights, human rights studies and cognate academic fields.

Speakers

Prof. Dr. Manfred Liebel, TU Berlin (emer.); Patron MA Childhood Studies and Children’s Rights
Prof. Dr. Ton Liefaard, UNICEF Chair in Children’s Rights, Leiden University
Dr. Spyros Spyrou, European University Cyprus
Dr. Afua Twom-Danso Imoh, University of Sheffield
Prof. Dr. Nevena Vučković Šahović, Director Children’s Rights Centre, Belgrade; former member of the UN Child Rights Committee

Prof. Dr. Maisha Auma, University of Applied Sciences Magdeburg-Stendal, Humboldt University, Berlin (t.b.c.)
Emilia Roig, Centre for Intersectional Justice (t.b.c.)

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