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## Dear Network Members and Network Interested,

This month we welcomed a new group of international students in Berlin, developed ideas for future projects and are now planning the General Assembly of the ENMCR in November. We are really looking forward to come together with our partners in Berlin!

We will keep you informed on proceedings of the possible projects here in CRnews. Please feel free to contact us with comments, news, ideas for improvement via the regular e-mail address:

[info@enmcr.net](mailto:info@enmcr.net)

Looking forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,  
Lea Fenner (Editor)

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## General News Internal

### Enrolment of new students at the Free University of Berlin

On September 29, 30 students were enrolled in the Masters programme "European Master in Childhood Studies and Children's Rights" for the academic year 2009/2010. We are pleased about the great amount of applications and the high interest in the programme. Finally, we welcome an international group of students from Algeria, Belgium, Cameroon, Colombia, Estonia, Germany, India, Iran, Italy, Kosovo, Kenya, Mexico, Panamá, and South Africa and expect an exciting year!

### Guest from Columbia at the Free University of Berlin

On September 23 we had a very interesting input and open discussion with Reinel García Martínez, executive director of the foundation "Creciendo Unidos" about the situation of working children in Columbia ("Ninos trabajadores de Colombia: Entre represión y autonomía. Experiencias desde el trabajo social en la calle").

### Madrid: Promoción de la VI Edición 2009-2010 del Experto en Políticas Sociales de Infancia

The next course "Expert in Social Politics of Childhood" at the University Complutense de Madrid is now open for inscription. It will take place from February to July 2010.

For further information see the website of the programme: [www.ucm.es/info/polinfan](http://www.ucm.es/info/polinfan)

or contact: [expertoinfancia@cps.ucm.es](mailto:expertoinfancia@cps.ucm.es)

### Courses in collaboration with the Colegio Oficial de Trabajadores Sociales de Madrid

Grupo de Sociología de la Infancia y de la Adolescencia del Colegio de Politólogos y Sociólogos de Madrid  
Offers 2009-2010 (in Spanish):

- Nuevos enfoques de atención a la infancia
- Infancia y adolescencia desde un enfoque de derechos y participación
- Taller de diseño y evaluación de proyectos de infancia: la planificación según un enfoque de derechos

For more information: <http://www.comtrabajosocial.com>

## General News External

### **Addendum to the message on the 4th European Forum on the rights of the child**

On the mentioned website ([www.childforum.eu](http://www.childforum.eu)) unfortunately you only find the draft agenda of the forum without any critical reviews. We are sorry for the lack of differentiated information.

### **18-20 September: Germany's 14th Children Meeting took place**

From 18 to 20 September, 120 children and youth from all over Germany attended the 14th Federal children meeting devoted to the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. The assessment of the event by the German children Fund Kinderhilfswerk is a very positive one, since participants were interested to discuss about the situation of Children's rights in Germany and were ready to focus their attention on children's problems at a wider level.

Among the subjects covered during the three-day meeting are children's right to participation, to health, to decent life conditions but also to play and to have their spare time. Finally the meeting approached the issue of how to raise the awareness of civil society, general public and the media on those rights.

See press release (in German):

[http://www.dkhw.de/cms/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=589:14-bundestreffen-engagiierter-kinder-und-jugendlicher-in-deutschland-deutsches-kinderhilfswerk-zieht-positive-bilanz&catid=68:pressemitteilungen&Itemid=76](http://www.dkhw.de/cms/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=589:14-bundestreffen-engagiierter-kinder-und-jugendlicher-in-deutschland-deutsches-kinderhilfswerk-zieht-positive-bilanz&catid=68:pressemitteilungen&Itemid=76)

### **Training Course: 'Listening to Children: Research and Consultation 2010'**

The advanced training course designed for people who want to improve their skills in research and consultation with children and young people. The course involves a combination of online learning and classroom sessions covering a range of topics from creative methods to ethical issues and dissemination practices. Based at the University of Edinburgh, the course is running from 25th January 2010 until 1st April 2010. There are two day sessions at the University of Edinburgh on 28th and 29th January and 4th and 5th March.

Practical details are as follows:

- 4 classroom sessions combining expert speakers, group discussions and practical activities at the University of Edinburgh (taking place on 28th/29th January and 4th/5th March 2010).
- 10 weeks online discussion providing opportunity for further engagement with the course topics, ongoing contact with others and the sharing of ideas, resources and experiences with other participants and an online tutor - internet access required.
- Aimed at those with a grounding in social research who want to apply and develop these skills in relation to a range of research and consultation methods to use with children and young people.
- We welcome applicants from either a practical 'participation' or academic background.
- Course fee £750 (£850 if you wish to study for credit).
- Resources made available include a bespoke website and the new book *Researching with Children and Young People: Research Design, Methods and Analysis* (2008, London: Sage).

Further information and booking form at: <http://www.crfr.ac.uk/cpd/listeningtochildren/index.html>

New for 2010 - Additional course: Digital Technology and Research with Children and Young People 13th and 14th May 2010 Course fee for 2010 £250 Participants who sign up to both courses will be eligible for a discount of £75.

We would be happy to discuss the course with any interested people. To book your place or for further information, please contact: [k.dunne@ed.ac.uk](mailto:k.dunne@ed.ac.uk)

### **Italy: New security bill human rights violation**

Italian magistrates have warned that the government's new security bill will violate the basic human rights of immigrants and their children. The bill includes a measure making illegal immigration a criminal

offense. It extends to six months the period immigrants and would-be asylum seekers can be kept in detention centres, authorises civilian patrols and sets a maximum three-year jail sentence for landlords who rent property to illegal immigrants.

The judiciary's self-governing body, the Supreme Council of Magistrates (CSM), has said that illegal immigrants' children would be "deprived of their identity" by a measure requiring parents to show their permit to stay when requesting a birth certificate. The CSM stated that the measure contravenes the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, which guarantees minors the right to personal identity and to citizenship from birth. The CSM also warned that the measure could result in children being more vulnerable to illegal adoptions. They highlighted that making illegal immigration a criminal offence would lead to the "total paralysis" of many judicial offices.

See: <http://feantsa.horus.be/code/EN/pg.asp?Page=1218>

### **First World Congress on Restorative Juvenile Justice**

Terre des hommes, its partner in Peru *Encuentros Casa de la Juventud*, the Office of the Attorney General of Peru and the Catholic University of Lima have taken the initiative to organize the First World Congress on RJJ, with academic and scientific support from the *International Association of Youth and Family Judges and Magistrates*, the *International Society for Criminology* and the *International Institute for the Rights of the Child*. This congress is the first event organized within a much wider celebration to mark the 50th anniversary of Terre des hommes.

Its purpose is to promote this new legal model, taking into account the various cultural and legal contexts. It will be a chance to exchange experiences and lessons learned. It aims at drawing up directives on RJJ which care about the children and is adapted to practical experience as well as to international standards. It will enable justice for minors to become a key-element in global policies for Human Rights in every State.

For further information see: [www.congresomundialjrperu2009.org](http://www.congresomundialjrperu2009.org)

### **Creation of Children's Advisory Board in Peru**

Through the Resolución Ministerial Nº 351-2009-MIMDES, published September 10, 2009 in the newspaper "El Peruano" the creation of a child and youth only advisory board. Whose objectives are the creation of a public space which allows children's participation and take their opinion into account.

In Spanish:

### **Campaign: SE BUSCA UN MILLON DE AMIGOS - Para incluir en el presupuesto Público Programas de atención y protección a la Niñez**

En el año del XX aniversario de la Convención sobre los Derechos del Niño, pedir a las autoridades nacionales, regionales y locales que en el Presupuesto de la República del 2010 se garanticen los recursos orientados a la atención de la infancia. Además pedir que se cree el Programa Presupuestal Estratégico de protección a la infancia frente a la violencia. Invitamos a todos los ciudadanos y ciudadanas a unirse a esta iniciativa.

FORMAS DE ADHESION:

Visita el blog: <http://sebuscaunmillondeamigos.blogspot.com>

Allí puedes unirte a la lista de Facebook o hacerte seguidor.

También puedes escribir un mail de adhesión a la siguiente dirección:

[millondeamigosinfanciaperu@gmail.com](mailto:millondeamigosinfanciaperu@gmail.com)

Además puedes descargar de éste enlace un modelo de carta de afiliación

<http://www.ifejants.org/new/>

[http://www.mesadeconcertacion.org.pe/documentos/carta\\_modelo\\_a5.pdf](http://www.mesadeconcertacion.org.pe/documentos/carta_modelo_a5.pdf)

y enviarla a la dirección que corresponda a tu región.

El 13 de noviembre entregaremos todas las afiliaciones, físicas y virtuales, al Congreso de la República.

## Publications

### **Book: Handbook of Childhood Studies**

Edited by Jens Qvortrup, William A. Corsaro and Michael-Sebastian Honig

This publication in the study of children and childhood signals the recognition of a significant area of study. Childhood studies has both matured and experienced remarkable diversification over the past twenty-five years and this Handbook, an essential guide to the subject, is an indication that childhood has become a legitimate field of study in its own right. With contributions from an international line-up of leading scholars, from across a range of disciplines including sociology, social policy, social work, education, cultural studies, history, geography and law, this collection of specially-commissioned essays maps the field whilst setting a research agenda for future study.

Order and search for other Palgrave publications regarding children and childhoods:

<http://www.palgrave.com/products/title.aspx?PID=279881>

### **Brochure: Kinderarbeit – Kinderrechte**

Beiträge zur Qualifizierung des Umgangs mit Kinderarbeit in kinderrechtlicher Perspektive (Juni 2009), Deutsches NRO-Forum Kinderarbeit herausgegeben von Klaus Heidele.

Die Broschüre führt kritisch in die deutsche Diskussion um Kinderarbeit ein.

Weitere Informationen und Bestellung unter:

[http://www.woek-web.de/web/cms/front\\_content.php?idart=1809](http://www.woek-web.de/web/cms/front_content.php?idart=1809)

### **Magazin zur Entwicklungspolitik der Bundesregierung mit dem Schwerpunkt Kinderrechte**

Download:

<http://www.bundesregierung.de/Content/DE/Magazine/MagazinEntwicklungspolitik/079/Doorpage-079.html>

### **OECD: First report on child well-being - "Doing Better for Children"**

See: [http://www.oecd.org/document/12/0,3343,en\\_2649\\_34819\\_43545036\\_1\\_1\\_1\\_1,00.html](http://www.oecd.org/document/12/0,3343,en_2649_34819_43545036_1_1_1_1,00.html)

Doing Better for Children compares public spending and policies for children with key indicators of child-wellbeing in OECD countries. These include education, health, housing, family incomes and quality of school life.

### **Innocenti Social Monitor 2009**

Child Well-Being at a Crossroads: Evolving challenges in Central and Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States

Download: [http://www.unicef-irc.org/publications/pdf/ism\\_2009.pdf](http://www.unicef-irc.org/publications/pdf/ism_2009.pdf)

### **How to order: Infancia y Derechos Humanos. Hacia una ciudadanía participante y protagónica**

Manfred Liebel y Marta Martínez. Coordinadores IFEJANT. Lima. 2009.

ISBN: 978-9972-9291-6-8. Pps: 483

Order here: [ifejant2@amauta.rcp.net.pe](mailto:ifejant2@amauta.rcp.net.pe) , prize: 10\$ USD

## CoE

### **Report: Rights of Children in Institutions**

On the basis of national replies to a questionnaire on the implementation of Rec(2005)5, the report provides an assessment of the current situation with regards to rights of children in institutions in 42 Council of Europe member states. It identifies progresses and gaps in the different geographical areas, gives pol-

icy recommendations to member states and draws specific attention to issues such as: the elaboration of National Minimum Standards of Care, the independence of monitoring systems and the right to individual after-care support.

See: [http://www.coe.int/t/dg3/familypolicy/enfance/resinstitutions\\_en.asp](http://www.coe.int/t/dg3/familypolicy/enfance/resinstitutions_en.asp)

## Funding/Prizes/Research Opportunities

### Call for Papers: Children and War - Past and Present

The international multidisciplinary conference is to be held at the University of Salzburg, Austria, on 30 September – 2 October 2010. Organised by the University of Salzburg and the University of Wolverhampton (UK).

All proposals which focus on any topic and theme on 'Children and War' are welcome, ranging from the experience of war, flight, displacement and resettlement, relief and rehabilitation work, gender issues, persecution, trafficking, abuse and prostitution, trauma and amnesia, the trans-generational impact of persecution, individual and collective memory, educational issues, films and documentaries, artistic and literary approaches, to remembrance and memorials, and questions of theory and methodology.

Specific conference themes anticipated are:

- Children as witnesses and victims of war and conflicts
- Holocaust, genocides and forced labour
- Child soldiers, partisans and resistance fighters
- Army mascots
- Deportations and displacements, refugees and asylum seekers
- War crimes, trials and human rights

Please send an abstract of 200-250 words, together with biographical background information of 50-100 words **by 31 December 2009** to: [J.D.Steinert@wlv.ac.uk](mailto:J.D.Steinert@wlv.ac.uk)

All proposals are subject to a review process.

### Call for Papers: XVII ISA World Congress of Sociology

Collective action in the context of globalization: Between the construction of social movements and the mobilization's outcomes

(Research Committee on Social Movements, Collective Action and Social Change RC48)

If you wish to present a paper, please email your proposal with a title and a short description (150 to 250 words) to the Program Coordinator Benjamín Tejerina, [b.tejerina@ehu.es](mailto:b.tejerina@ehu.es), **by October 15, 2009**. Be sure to include in your proposal your name, complete affiliation, email and contact information.

Paper proposals that do not fit to the topic of the call for papers may be submitted to the RC48 Program Coordinator for integration in additional sessions or alternative arrangements.

Session proposals are welcome too and must include a title, a brief description of the topic, chair's name and contact information, and a list of four to five speakers. Session proposals may be in any of the ISA's official languages, English, Spanish, or French.

### Call for Abstracts: XVIII ISPCAN International Congress on Child Abuse and Neglect

ISPCAN is pleased to announce the 18th ISPCAN International Congress on Child Abuse and Neglect to be held in Honolulu, Hawai'i, USA from September 26-29, 2010. We encourage you to inform colleagues from among your network to attend and benefit from training and networking opportunities. Printed brochures are available for distribution at upcoming events. Please let us know of any events at which we might market the International Congress, or if you plan to attend any related events before August 2009.

Kindly provide the number of brochures you might distribute, and your mailing address to:

[events@ispcan.org](mailto:events@ispcan.org). In addition, the Call for Abstracts brochure is available at

<http://www.ispcan.org/congress2010/documents/Call4Abstracts2010.pdf> and additional Congress information is currently available on the Congress website: [www.ispcan.org/congress2010](http://www.ispcan.org/congress2010).

Online abstract submission is at <http://www.ispcan.org/congress2010/abstracts.html>.

Abstract submission **closes 15 January 2010**. We invite submissions for papers, workshops, symposia and interactive presentation. Please check the website for abstract submission instructions.

**Call for Entries: WDR KinderrechtPreis 2010**

Anlässlich des Weltkindertages am kommenden Sonntag (20.9.) schreibt der WDR zum achten Mal den „WDR-Preis für die Rechte des Kindes“ aus. Mit dem Preis werden Einzelpersonen (Erwachsene und Kinder), Gruppen und Organisationen sowie Institutionen aus Nordrhein-Westfalen ausgezeichnet, die sich nachhaltig, vorbildlich und unkonventionell für Kinderrechte in Deutschland oder im Ausland einsetzen.

**Einsendeschluss** für den mit 5500 Euro dotierten Preis **ist der 31. März 2010**, die Preisverleihung findet im September 2010 beim Kölner Weltkindertagsfest statt. Der WDR stellt die Arbeit der Preisträgerinnen und Preisträger in seinem Programm und in einer Broschüre vor.

Nähere Informationen zum Wettbewerb und kostenlose Faltblätter gibt es beim WDR unter Telefon 0221 56789 555 oder per E-Mail an [kinderrechtPreis@wdr.de](mailto:kinderrechtPreis@wdr.de) und im Netz unter

[www.wdr.de/radio/home/kinderrechte](http://www.wdr.de/radio/home/kinderrechte).

Wettbewerbseinsendungen gehen per Post an: WDR, Kennwort Kinderrechte, 50608 Köln

(Originaltext: WDR Westdeutscher Rundfunk Digitale Pressemappe: <http://www.presseportal.de/pm/7899>)

**Calls for Proposals 2009 - European Science Foundation**

See: <http://www.esf.org/activities/calls/esf-grants-calls-applications.html>

## Upcoming Dates

- **October 9-10, 2009:** International Conference and Annual Meeting of the "Sociology of Childhood" Section of the German Sociological Association: European Childhood – Childhoods in Europe, Munich, Germany
- **October 15-16, 2009:** Seminar: Child Labour and Youth Employment, Istanbul, Turkey
- **October 21-24, 2009:** 20th World Forum 2009 on child welfare, Jakarta, Indonesia
- **October 22-23 2009:** International interdisciplinary conference: Rehabilitation and Reintegration of War-Affected Children (RRWAC), Brussels, Belgium
- **October 22-24, 2009:** International Symposium-Childhood and Society III. Freedom? Equal Recognition. Participation!, Bregenz, Austria
- **October 23-27, 2009:** International seminar on children's rights - France & Europe, Bordeaux, France <http://www.franca.asso.fr/>
- **November 4-5, 2009:** ISCI (International Society for Child Indicators) Conference
- **November 4-7, 2009:** FIRST WORLD CONGRESS ON RESTORATIVE JUVENILE JUSTICE <http://www.congresomundialjirperu2009.org>, Lima, Peru
- **November 6, 2009:** International Conference – The Right to be a Child, Tallinn, Estonia
- **November 10-11, 2009:** ENMCR General Assembly
- **November 11-13, 2009:** Eurochild Annual Conference: From policy to practice - monitoring child well-being, Cyprus
- **November 18 - 21, 2009:** International Congress Architecture and Children, Ankara, Turkey
- **November 19, 2009:** World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse
- **November 30 –December 2, 2009:** Global Conference on Child Rights and Research 2009 [www.childwatch.uio.no](http://www.childwatch.uio.no); info: [info@crcanniversary.org](mailto:info@crcanniversary.org)



- **December 10, 2009:** 6. Deutscher Kinderrechte Tag – Der Kinderrechtsansatz in der Verbandsarbeit, Duisburg, Germany
- **June 14-18, 2010:** World Summit on Media for Children and Youth, Karlstad, Sweden
- **July 2-7, 2010:** Euroscience Open Forum (ESOF) 2010
- **July 11-17, 2010:** XVII ISA World Congress of Sociology, Sweden
- **September 6-8, 2010:** Europe at a Crossroads, Bruges, Belgium. [www.uaces.org/bruges](http://www.uaces.org/bruges)
- **September 26-29, 2010:** XVIII ISPCAN International Congress on Child Abuse and Neglect, Honolulu, Hawai'i, USA
- **September 30 - October 2, 2010:** International multidisciplinary conference: Children and War: Past and Present, Salzburg, Austria