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SUMMER SCHOOL CHILDREN AT THE HEART OF HUMAN RIGHTS XI Cycle

Programme

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Study Programme Week 1
August 25 - 29, 2025

Thematic day	Monday 25	Tuesday 26	Wednesday 27	Thursday 28	Friday 29
	Introduction and origins of children's rights	UNCRC Optional Protocols	National monitoring	Engaging with stakeholders Day	Children's past and right to identity
Morning 9 – 10.30	Welcome address and programme overview <u>R. Ruggiero</u> (SS Director) <u>J. Zermatten</u> (SS Director) <u>E. Patrizi</u> (SS Programme Assistant)	Introduction: Project work 	Lecture Independent children's human rights institutions in the middle: Bridging local and global governance <u>R. Ruggiero</u> Director Children's Rights Academy	Lecture and case analysis Accountability for violations and crimes affecting children in armed conflict <u>A. Lamazière</u> Lead on Children and Armed Conflict, Save the Children	Lecture Addressing historical violations of children's rights through transitional justice <u>E. Patrizi</u> Scientific Collaborator, UNIGE
10.30 – 11	Break				
11 – 12.30	Lecture The origins of children's rights <u>Z. Moody</u> Assistant Professor, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, UNIL	Lecture Optional Protocols to the UNCRC <u>N. V. Sahovic</u> Former Member, UNCRC	Engaging with stakeholders Lecture Ombudsman for children: the role of child participation <u>N. Muldoon</u> Ombudsman for Children, Ireland	Introduction to children and forced displacement and UNHCR's work <u>A. Amirali</u> GBV & Child Protection Specialist, UNHCR	Lecture Child's right to identity <u>M. Dambach</u> Director Child Identity Protection (CHIP), <u>N. Cantwell</u> International Consultant on Child Protection Policies
12.30 – 14	Lunch break				
Afternoon 14 – 15.30	Lecture Background and content of the CRC: Past and present debates <u>N. V. Sahovic</u> Former Member, UNCRC	Lecture Climate cases strategic litigation <u>A. Skelton</u> Former Chair, UNCRC	Discussion forum: Meet the Members of the UNCRC Facilitator: <u>R. Ruggiero</u> Current Member, UNCRC: <u>S. Kiladze</u> Current Member, UNCRC: <u>J. Scerri-Ferrante</u>	NGO's role in the implementation and strengthening children's role in society <u>A. Kamarotos</u> Executive director, DCI <u>A. Gracia Corberó</u> Head of Programmes, Child Rights Connect	Project work
15.30 – 16	Break				
16 – 17.30	Lecture Schools of thought in children's rights <u>K. Hanson</u> Director CIDE & Prof., UNIGE	Free time	Project work	International Museum of the Red Cross and Red Crescent	Lecture UN children's rights monitoring mechanisms <u>B. Van Keirsbilck</u> Current Member, UNCRC

Study Programme Week 2
September 1 - 5, 2025

Thematic Day	Monday 1	Tuesday 2	Wednesday 3	Thursday 4	Friday 5
	Children's rights in Africa	Child participation, decision making & the right to health	Access to justice	Project work and Geneva lake tour	Project work presentation
Morning 9 – 10.30	Lecture Children's rights monitoring systems in Africa <u>B. D. Mezmur</u> Former Chair & Current Member, UNCRC	Engaging with stakeholders Children's rights and health <u>M. Stahlhofer</u> Adviser Department of Child and Adolescent Health and Development, WHO	Lecture Access to justice for children: Drafting General Comment No. 27 <u>V. Sedletzki</u> Independent Expert on Children's Rights	Preparation for oral presentations	Presentation of group works (Part I)
10.30 – 11	Break				
11 – 12.30	Lecture Children's rights in Africa <u>B. D. Mezmur</u> Former Chair & Current Member, UNCRC	Lecture Child participation and digital environment <u>K. R. Sylwander</u> Postdoc, Digital Futures for Children Centre, London School of Economics	Lecture The role of independent institutions of children's rights in the access to justice <u>G. Lansdown</u> Independent Expert on CR, <u>V. Sedletzki</u> Independent Expert on CR	Preparation for oral presentations	Presentation of group works (Part II)
12.30 – 14	Lunch break				
Afternoon 14 – 15.30	Lecture Children's rights in Africa <u>B. D. Mezmur</u> Former Chair & Current Member, UNCRC	Lecture Children's participation in decisions about their health <u>D. Carnal</u> <u>A. Pasquier</u> Steering Committee for Human Rights in the fields of Biomedicine and Health (CDBIO), Council of Europe	Project work: Finalization	Boat trip on Geneva Lake (Boat departure at 15.15)	Programme evaluation, closing ceremony
15.30 – 16	Break				
16 – 17.30	Visit to UNCRC Committee (Palais Wilson)	Lecture Child participation and evolving capacities of the child <u>G. Lansdown</u> Independent Expert on Children's Rights	Project work: Finalization	Drink	Free time