

## Critical Approaches to Children's Rights

9<sup>th</sup> CREAN Children's Rights Research Symposium

Monday 4 – Tuesday 5 December 2023

University of Antwerp, Law and Development Research Group

In association with CREAN

and in collaboration with the Children's Rights Knowledge Centre

### Venue

University of Antwerp, City Campus, s.k. 202.

### Programme

*All times in the programme are in CET*

**Hybrid format**

### Monday 4 December

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| 13:00              | Welcome and introduction by UAntwerp & CREAN   |
| 13:15 –<br>14:45   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keynote – Wouter Vandenhole</li> <li>• Panel discussion with children's rights scholars from University of Antwerp - Chair: Karl Hanson</li> <li>• KEKI: presentation of the "participation circle" tool</li> </ul>   |
| Health break – 30' |  |
| 15:15 –<br>16:40   | <p>Discussion circle 1: What makes approaches to children's rights critical?</p> <p>Chair: Nicolas Brando</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sara Lembrechts<br/><b>Three pathways for critical reflection on children's rights in the asylum courtroom.</b> Ghent University, Migration Law Research Group. Supervisor: Ellen Desmet</li> <li>• Harriet Louise Harding<br/><b>Re-Visiting the balanced model of children's rights: What theory underlies the CRC and the ACRWC?</b> Stellenbosch University. Supervisor: Sonia Human</li> </ul> |

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|                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kristi Paron<br/><b>Child-patient autonomy as a relational phenomenon.</b> University of Tartu. Supervisor: Dagmar Kutsar</li> <li>• Maria Antonietta Augenti<br/><b>Inclusive design of school contexts and a curriculum according to the Universal Design for Learning approach.</b> Department of Education, University of Bologna. Supervisor: Elena Malaguti</li> <li>• Xuanyi Ren<br/><b>The power of hierarchies: understandings and practices of children's participation rights in Chinese boarding schools.</b> University of Edinburgh. Supervisor: Kay Tisdall</li> <li>• <b>Open discussion circle</b> (reflections from all participants)</li> <li>• <b>Summary and reflections by chairs</b></li> </ul> |
| Health break – 30' |   |
| 17:30 – 18:30      | <b>Poster session.</b> In-person (“speed dating” format) with online display of all posters & videos  |
| 18:30              | End of Day1 and leaving for dinner together (walk)  |
| <b>19:00</b>       | <b>Dinner (optional, self-paid)</b><br>Little Ethiopia, Zirkstraat 8, 2000 Antwerp <a href="#">Little Ethiopia in Antwerp - Restaurant Reviews, Menu and Prices   TheFork</a>   |

## Tuesday 5 December

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| 9:15         | Welcome (coffee/tea)  |
| 9:30 – 10:30 | <p>Discussion circle 2: What makes approaches to children's rights critical?</p> <p>Chair: Sonia Human</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sheetal Shinde (online)<br/><b>Addressing early, child and forced marriages in India: A critical appraisal.</b> Jindal Global Law School, O. P. Jindal Global University, Sonapat, Supervisor: Haryana Saumya Uma</li> <li>• Fanni Murányi (online)<br/><b>Child law dimension of parental child abduction cases.</b> ELTE University, Hungary. Supervisor: György Virág</li> </ul> |

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|                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matko Guštin<br/><b>Children's rights in adoption procedure in international documents and case law of the ECtHR.</b> Faculty of Law Osijek, Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek, Croatia. Supervisor: Branka Rešetar</li> <li>• Leontine Buijnen<br/><b>The (in)existence of direct effect of children's rights in Belgium.</b> University of Antwerp. Supervisor: Thalia Kruger</li> <li>• <b>Open discussion circle</b> (reflections from all participants)</li> <li>• <b>Summary and reflections by chair</b></li> </ul>   |
| Health break – 30' |  |
| 11:00 –<br>12:00   | <p>Discussion circle 3: The role of intra-, inter- and transdisciplinarity in critical approaches to children's rights</p> <p>Chair: Ellen Desmet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nayia Christodoulou (online)<br/><b>CRPD as not 'merely' an equality treaty: Progressing disabled children's participation rights.</b> Centre for Disability Law &amp; Policy, University of Galway. Supervisor: Janos Fiala-Butora</li> <li>• Mohiqi Murtaza (online)<br/><b>AI-Driven Educational Equity for Marginalized Groups: Critical Empowerment, with Emphasis on Girls Affected by Taliban Exclusion in Afghanistan.</b> University of South-Eastern Norway. Supervisor: Mohammad Abedi</li> <li>• Li-Ru Hsu<br/><b>Building a Responsible Future: Enhancing the EU Regulatory Landscape for Robots in ASD Intervention for Children.</b> Leiden University. Supervisors: S. van der Hof &amp; S.K. Witting</li> <li>• Asteropi Chatzinikola-Iliopoulos (online)<br/><b>Children's Right to Participate in Climate Change Litigation: Exploring the Space for Interdisciplinarity.</b> Cardiff School of Law &amp; Politics and University of Bristol. Supervisor: John Harrington</li> <li>• <b>Open discussion circle</b> (reflections from all participants)</li> <li>• <b>Summary and reflections by chair</b></li> </ul> |

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| 12:15              | Lunch at Agora   |
| 13:15 –<br>14:15   | <p>Discussion circle 4: New frontiers of children's rights</p> <p>Chair: Kay Tisdall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rhian Thomas-Turner<br/><b>The development of new medicines: using rights to positioning the child as stakeholder in the pharmaceutical industry.</b> Hillary Rodham Clinton School of Law, Swansea University. Supervisor: Simon Hoffman</li> <li>• Karla Morales (in-person)<br/><b>Powerless, but not helpless: Manifestations of Critical Consciousness Among Adolescents in Germany.</b> University of Potsdam, Department of Inclusive Education. Supervisor: Linda Juang</li> <li>• Liesl Muller (in-person)<br/><b>The status of children's participation rights in youth climate justice.</b> University College Cork. Supervisor: Aoife Daly</li> <li>• Deborah Lawson (in-person)<br/><b>New Frontiers or No Frontiers? Indigenous Children's Rights to Collective Cultural Security.</b> University of Liverpool. Supervisors: Helen Stalford, Aoife Daly</li> <li>• <b>Open discussion circle</b> (reflections from all participants)</li> <li>• <b>Summary and reflections by chair</b></li> </ul> |
| Health break – 15' |  |
| 14:30 –<br>15:00   | <p>Closing remarks by UAntwerp and CREAN</p> <p>Official closing of the Symposium</p>  |