



## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

**EXTENDED DEADLINE: 15 September!**

### **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

On 4-5 December 2023, the [Law and Development Research Group](#) of the University of Antwerp is hosting the 9<sup>th</sup> Children's Rights Research Symposium in association with the Children's Rights European Academic Network ([CREAN](#)) and in collaboration with the [Children's Rights Knowledge Centre \(KEKI\)](#).

The Children's Rights Research Symposium is an annual event inviting **doctoral candidates and supervisors** from different universities and disciplines (law, sociology, education, anthropology, psychology, history, etc.) to come together to discuss, explore and develop research related to children's rights.

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There is viewpoint diversity on what children's rights mean. The boundaries between what is mainstream and what are critical approaches to children's rights are not fixed. At this symposium, we want to explore what critical approaches to children's rights mean, what they have to offer, and what challenges they may be facing. This may range from substantive questions on children's rights as a whole or specific rights of children to various approaches and methodologies.

What makes approaches to children's rights critical: their understanding of the child and of childhood; their attention for context and lifeworlds of children; their way of engaging with the nature and substance of children's rights? What role do intra-, inter- and transdisciplinarity play in critical approaches to children's rights? What are the new frontiers for children's rights, conceptually and thematically: for example, collective conceptualisations of childhood; children's collective rights; intergenerational rights; new technologies?

We are looking forward to exploring these issues and hearing insights from PhD researchers across a wide range of disciplines in the children's rights field.

## Call for abstracts on ‘Critical approaches to children’s rights’

We welcome abstracts for presentation at the Symposium with the following three themes:

- a. **What makes approaches to children’s rights critical?**
- b. **Critical approaches to children’s rights and intra, inter- and transdisciplinarity**
- c. **New frontiers for children’s rights**

Abstracts should be submitted through this [online form](#) **by 15 September 2023**.

Submissions should contain the following information:

1. Theme (selected from the above a, b or c)
2. Title/topic of presentation
3. Name, e-mail, institutional affiliation and name of the related academic supervisor
4. **Abstract of maximum 300 words** in which it is explained how the presentation will speak to the theme
5. **Background of max. 300 words:** the broader research project or publication in which it fits, the reason why this topic has been chosen.

In addition, doctoral candidates from the children’s rights field are welcome to present their full research project (beyond the above-mentioned themes) at a **poster session**.

### Deadlines:

- **15 September:** deadline for 300-word abstract.
- **15 October:** pre-selected candidates will be notified. (Please note: Abstracts will be evaluated by the Organising Committee. Due to a large number of applicants expected, only the selected participants will be notified in e-mail.)
- **31 October:** all pre-selected students must confirm their own and their supervisor’s attendance, and the name of their attending supervisor.
- **15 November:** deadline for in-person attendance registration and poster submission

**Please note:** In case of in-person attendance, the Organiser will not offer cover/reimbursement of travel and accommodation expenses, participation at the Symposium is fully self-funded.

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