



**Master of Advanced Studies in
Children's Rights (2009 – 2010)**

INSTITUT UNIVERSITAIRE KURT BOSCH – UNIVERSITY OF FRIBOURG

MODULE 3

**Children's rights and
development**

14 September 2009

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	Lecture Critical developmental psychology and the intersection between children's rights and international development (Erica Burman)	Lecture Childhood anthropology and development (Olga Nieuwenhuys)	Lecture WTO, development and children’s rights (Eva Maria Belser)	Fair of ideas Child participation in development projects
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Documentary Film Living Rights: Nisha/India Introduction to Module 3	Lecture Children’s rights and global governance (Vanessa Pupavac)	Lecture Street children and translating children’s rights in Calcutta, India (Sarada Balagopalan)	Lecture Non-State actors and human rights (Claire Mahon)	Workshop Strengthening the human rights treaty body system (Paulo David)
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Lecture Human rights and development (Wouter Vandenhoele)	Group discussion I & II	Group discussion I & II	Group discussion I & II	Praxis Groups Meetings
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Lecture Economic, social and cultural rights in the CRC (Wouter Vandenhoele)	Lecture Child rights-based approaches to programming (Bill Bell, Save the Children UK)	Project work	Social event (optional)	Lecture Young Lives: An international study of childhood poverty (Martin Woodhead)
				<i>MIS Saal Jäggi</i>
				Evaluation of the Module

► General

The third Module deals with the relation between children's rights and development. It will start with a presentation of the relations between human rights and development, including the Millennium Development Goals, and the importance of economic, social and cultural rights in the CRC. Furthermore, we will discuss international development from the perspectives of developmental psychology, anthropology and political science. Also, child-rights based approaches to programming, the role of WTO and non-state actors and child participation in development projects will be addressed.

► Chronological overview of the sessions

Monday 14 September 2009

11.00 Documentary film

MIS Saal Jäggi

Title: Living Rights: *Nisha / India*

Abstract: Nisha's (11) world begins unravelling when her mother reveals that they are both infected with the HIV virus. 'Nisha' is a young girl's brave struggle to face the stigma surrounding AIDS and the fatality of her illness.

11.30 Discussion, introduction and plan for the Module

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12.30 Lunch

14.00 Lecture

MIS Saal Jäggi

Title: Human rights and development

Abstract: The lecture will introduce the module on children's rights and development by exploring the links between the international human rights framework and the international development agenda. In particular, the lecturer will explore the relevance of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) for children's rights and give insights into the interaction between the CRC and the MDGs.

Lecturer: Wouter Vandenhole teaches human rights law and holds the UNICEF Chair in Children's Rights at the University of Antwerp, Belgium. He graduated in law at the University of Leuven (Belgium), obtained an LL.M. in Law in Development from the University of Warwick (United Kingdom) and holds a PhD. of the University of Leuven. He has previously held positions at the University of Leuven, Tilburg University (the Netherlands) and the European Master's Degree in Human Rights and Democratisation (Venice, Italy). His research interests and publications include children's rights, human rights, in particular economic, social and cultural rights, and the relationship between human rights law and development.

15.30 Coffee break

16.00 Lecture

MIS Saal Jäggi

Title: Economic, social and cultural rights in the CRC

Abstract: The lecture will introduce and discuss the economic, social and cultural rights in the CRC and explore if there is a legal obligation to cooperate internationally for development.

Lecturer: Wouter Vandenhole

17.30 Closure

Tuesday 15 September 2009

9.00 Lecture

MIS Saal Jäggi

Title: Critical developmental psychology and the intersection between children's rights and international development

Abstract: The lecture will provide a conceptual and critical view on how models of developmental psychology and human development have been conflated. The lecture aims at bringing to understand development as both unending and unattainable, and driven by "an omnipotent fantasy of control".

Lecturer: Erica Burman is Professor of Psychology and Women's Studies at the Manchester Metropolitan University, UK. Her specialist areas include feminist critiques of psychology, critical psychology, discourse analysis, gender, 'race' and mental health, group analysis and psychoanalytic social theory and clinical practice. Indicative publications on children and development include *Deconstructing Developmental Psychology* (London: Routledge, 1994); 'Poor children: charity appeals and ideologies of childhood', *Changes: International Journal of Psychology and Psychotherapy*, 12, 1: 29-36, 1994; 'Innocents Abroad: Projecting Western Fantasies of Childhood onto the Iconography of Emergencies', *Disasters: Journal of Disaster Studies and Management*, 18, 3: 238-253, 1994; 'Local, Global or Globalized: Child development and international child rights legislation', *Childhood*, 3, 1: 45-66, 1996 and *Developments. Child, Image, Nation* (London: Routledge, 2008).

10.30 Coffee break

11.00 Lecture

MIS Saal Jäggi

Title: Children's rights and global governance

Abstract: The lecture will provide a critical analysis of how children's rights and human rights-based development thinking are conceptualised. To what extent does the contemporary notion of children's rights transcend a paternalistic model? How does human rights-based development thinking relate to (or circumvent) substantial economic advancement?

Lecturer: Vanessa Pupavac is a Lecturer at the School of Politics and International Relations, Faculty of Social Sciences, Law and Education, University of Nottingham, UK. Her research encompasses international human rights, children's rights, linguistic rights, humanitarian and development politics. Her publications on children's rights issues include: 'The politics of emergency and the demise of the developing state: problems for humanitarian advocacy', *Development in Practice*, 16(3-4), 255-269, 2006; 'Misanthropy without borders: The international children's rights regime', *Disasters*, 25(2), 95-112, 2001; 'Children's rights and the new culture of paternalism', Sheffield Hallam University, Sheffield, UK, 1999; 'The infantilisation of the South and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child', *Human Rights Law Review*, 3(2), 1-6, 1998.

12.30 Lunch

14.00 Group discussions I & II

MIS Saal Jäggi & Kinderstube 1.101 + Cafeteria

Two repeated parallel group discussions introduced and directed by Erica Burman and Vanessa Pupavac (2 parallel sessions of 45 minutes each).

15.30 Coffee break

16.00 Lecture

MIS Saal Jäggi

Title: Child rights-based approaches to programming

Abstract: The lecturer will present how development programming within Save the Children has shifted from a needs-based to a rights-based approach, and will give examples of how a child-rights based approach impacts programming both at a broader development policy level as well as on the operational level.

Lecturer: Bill Bell is Head of Child Protection at Save the Children UK.

17.30 Closure

Wednesday 16 September 2009

09.00 Lecture

MIS Saal Jäggi

Title: Childhood anthropology and development

Abstract: The lecturer will discuss the relationship between children's rights and development from an anthropology perspective, thereby presenting theoretical frameworks from within cultural studies and post-colonialism.

Lecturer: Olga Nieuwenhuys, a social anthropologist, is a senior research fellow at the Department of Geography, Planning and International Development Studies, University of Amsterdam (The Netherlands). She has published widely on childhood, child labour and children's rights in the developing world and is co-editor of *Childhood – A Global Journal of Child Research*.

10.30 Coffee break

11.00 Lecture

MIS Saal Jäggi

Title: Street children and translating children's rights in Calcutta, India

Abstract: Based on ethnographic research with a group of street children in Calcutta, the lecture will point to the ways in which the implementation of the CRC reveals processes of translation into the local that reflect the disjunctions caused by the cultural paradoxes of historically constituted subjectivities. It will bring together the increasing concern for children embodied in contemporary rights discourse with an understanding of what the idea of rights mean to children who don't share the history of being inserted into certain formations of the self that a rights discourse assumes.

Lecturer: Sarada Balagopalan is Associate Fellow at the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), Delhi, India. She holds a doctorate from New York University on the literacy experiences of street children in Calcutta and has been deeply involved in translating her research interests into pedagogic and curricular interventions. She also co-edits *Contemporary Education Dialogue*, an interdisciplinary journal on education in South Asia.

12.30 Lunch

14.00 Group discussions I & II

MIS Saal Jäggi & Kinderstube 1.101 + Cafeteria

Two repeated parallel group discussions introduced and directed by Olga Nieuwenhuys and Sarada Balagopalan (2 parallel sessions of 45 minutes each).

15.30 Coffee break

16.00 Project work

Meetings

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18.00 Closure

Thursday 17 September 2009

09.00 Lecture

MIS Saal Jäggi

Title: WTO, development and children's rights

Abstract: The lecture will discuss the links between respect for international children's rights and human rights law, commercial trade and development, examining in particular the role of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) and social clauses as means for advancing respect for international standards relating to children's rights and development.

Lecturer: Eva Maria BELSER, Professor in Public law at the Law Faculty of the University of Fribourg Switzerland and Director of the International Research and Consulting Centre (IRCC) of the Institute of Federalism at the University of Fribourg. She is the Programme Director of the Master of Advanced Studies in Children's Rights. Her research interests and publications include international labour law, the right to work and human rights in a globalising world economy, linking labour rights with international trade.

10.30 Coffee break

11.00 Lecture

MIS Saal Jäggi

Title: Non-State actors and human rights

Abstract: The lecture will discuss the obligations of different kinds of non-State actors (international organisations, corporations, armed groups and individuals) and the way in which they can be held accountable for violations of human rights in general and of children's rights in particular, emphasising economic, social and cultural rights.

Lecturer: Claire Mahon is the joint Coordinator of the Project on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights at the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, a Research Associate and occasional Senior Lecturer at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (Research Unit on the Right to Food), Geneva, and an Adjunct Clinical Professor of Law at the University of Michigan Law School. She has previously worked for Amnesty International, the International Commission of Jurists, the International Service for Human Rights, the Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions, and the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. Her work has focused on monitoring economic, social and cultural rights, including in the field. Claire has published on a variety of international human rights law topics, for academic publications and non-governmental organisations.

12.30 Lunch

14.00 Group discussions I & II

MIS Saal Jäggi & Kinderstube 1.101 + Cafeteria

Two repeated parallel group discussions introduced and directed by Eva Maria Belser and Claire Mahon (2 parallel sessions of 45 minutes each).

15.30 Coffee break

16.00 Social event (optional)

Friday 18 September 2009

09.00 Fair of ideas: Participation projects

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Students are invited to present “good practices” on child participation in development projects during a fair of ideas via a poster or a small information stand. The information stands will be accessible throughout the day.

11.00 Workshop

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Title: Strengthening the human rights treaty body system

Abstract: Based on students’ evaluations of the study visit to the session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, the workshop will present the current state of affairs on the reform process of the human rights treaty body system. Students will be invited to share their ideas and proposals on how to strengthen the international human rights treaty body system, in particular the Committee on the Rights of the Child.

Lecturer: Paulo David is Team Leader of the Treaty Unit IV (HRCttee-CESCR-MWC-CERD-UPR), Human Rights Treaties Branch at the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Geneva. Previously, he was Chief of the OHCHR Regional Office for the Pacific in Fiji and, during almost ten years, Secretary of the Committee on the Rights of the Child. Paulo holds a PhD on Human rights in youth sport from the Law Faculty of the Free University of Amsterdam (The Netherlands).

12.30 Lunch

14.00 Praxis groups

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Meetings

15.30 Coffee break

16.00 Lecture

MIS Saal Jäggi

Title: Young Lives: An international study of childhood poverty

Abstract: The Young Lives study tracks the changing lives of 12,000 children in Ethiopia, India (in the state of Andhra Pradesh), Peru and Vietnam over a 15-year period. This is the timeframe set by the UN to assess progress towards the Millennium Development Goals. Through interviews, group work and case studies with the children, their parents, teachers, community representatives and others, the project is collecting a wealth of information not only about their material and social circumstances, but also their perspectives on their lives and aspirations for the futures, set against the environmental and social realities of their communities.

Lecturer: Martin Woodhead is Research Director at the Young Lives study and a Professor of Childhood Studies at The Open University, UK. His main research relates to early childhood development, education and care, including theoretical and policy studies and extensive international work. He has also carried out research on child labour and children’s rights, and was Special Advisor to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, in preparation of General Comment 7: Implementing Child Rights in Early Childhood (2005). He pioneered interdisciplinary teaching in child research, notably through establishing Childhood and Youth Studies as an undergraduate degree at The Open University. He is co-editor of the journal *Children & Society* and a member of the Editorial Board for *Childhood*

17.30 Evaluation of Module 3

MIS Saal Jäggi

18.30 Closure

► Venue

Lectures will take place in different buildings of the University of Fribourg:

Faculty of Law Site Miséricorde, Avenue de l'Europe 20, Fribourg
Kinderstube Rue de l'Hôpital 4, Fribourg

Buildings are in very short walking distance to each other.

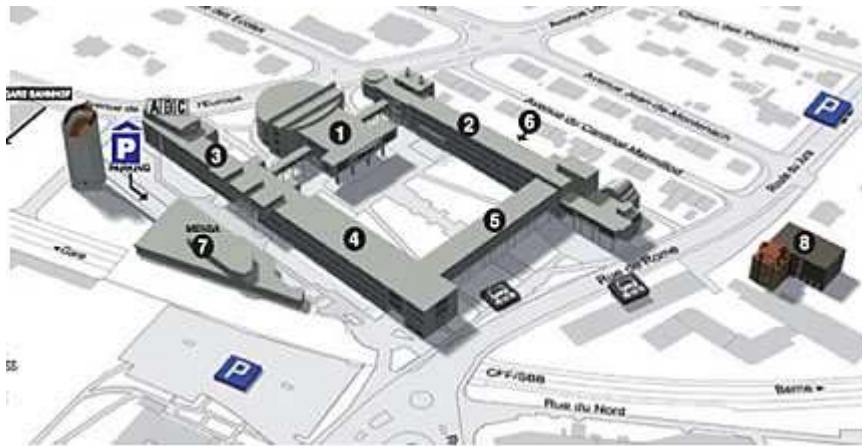
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