



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

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MODULE 7

Children's rights and migration

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► General

This module will examine the international legal framework and social science research pertaining to the relation between children's rights and migration. It will offer lectures relating to local and global perspectives on asylum seeking and refugee children, human rights of internally displaced persons, children's perspectives, international legislation, mental health, child trafficking, policy regarding separated children in Europe and migration, media and childhood.

► Chronological overview of the sessions

Monday 3 May 2010 – Introduction

10.30 – 11.00 Introduction of the module

Film: "Borders" (Christian Fischer, Germany, 1997)

MIS Saal Jäggi (4112)

11.00 – 12.30 Lecture

MIS Saal Jäggi (4112)

Title: Asylum seeking and refugee children: local and global perspectives

Abstract: This lecture will provide a general introduction to the themes developed during the module and will discuss in particular how local and global perspectives intertwine in the field of asylum seeking and refugee children

Lecturer: Jason HART is a social anthropologist by training. He joined the University of Bath, UK, in September 2009 after seven years as a researcher and lecturer at the Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford, UK, where he remains a Research Associate. Jason has worked in South Asia (Sri Lanka, Nepal, India and Bhutan) and, to a limited extent, East Africa. However, his principal area of interest is the Middle East, particularly Israel / occupied Palestinian territories and Jordan. Since completing his doctorate, Jason has been employed as a consultant author, researcher, evaluator and trainer by various UN and non-governmental organisations. These include UNICEF, Save the Children, PLAN, Care International, and the Canadian International Development Agency. He has also served as an advisor to the UN in the formulation of studies, guidelines and policies. His most recent publications include an edited volume *Years of Conflict: Adolescence, Political Violence and Displacement* and journal articles in *Conflict, Security and Development*, *Journal of Refugee Studies* and *International Journal of Children's Rights*.

12.30 Lunch

14.00 – 15.30 Lecture

MIS Saal Jäggi (4112)

Title: The political economy of children's rights

Abstract: Based on research dealing with children living in situations of political violence and forced displacement, the lecture will explore the experience of young people on the margins of society and the global economy. In particular, the lecturer will present a framework seeking to integrate perspectives from anthropology and political-economy.

Lecturer: Jason HART

15.30 Coffee break

16.00 Lecture*MIS Saal Jäggi (4112)*

Title: Human rights of internally displaced persons

Abstract: The lecture will present the mandate and activities of the Representative of the Secretary-General on the human rights of internally displaced persons, with a particular emphasis on the situation of children

Lecturer: Walter KÄLIN is Professor of constitutional and international law at the Faculty of Law of the University of Bern, Switzerland. His main areas of research include refugee law, human rights law, legal aspects of internal displacement, Swiss constitutional law and legal aspects of decentralization. He currently holds the mandate of Representative of the Secretary-General on the human rights of internally displaced persons (since 2004). He also was a member of the United Nations Human Rights Committee (2003-2008) and Special Rapporteur of the UN Commission on Human Rights on the Situation of Human Rights in Kuwait under Iraqi Occupation (1991/92). Most recent books: *Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement – Annotations*, American Society of International Law, Washington D.C., 2nd edition, 2008; (together with Jörg Künzli); *The Law of International Human Rights Protection*, Oxford University Press 2009.

17.30 Closure

Tuesday 4 May 2010 – Children's perspectives

9.00 Lecture

MIS Saal Jäggi (4112)

Title: Opportunities and challenges for social interventions aimed at migrant minors and young adults

Abstract: The lecture will analyse the migratory projects and trajectories of migrant minors and young adults and the way these are embedded in broad socio-economic and cultural transformations taking place both at home and abroad. By drawing on original research material gathered in Rome between 2005 and 2007, the lecture will examine the livelihoods of migrant minors and young adults from Romania in order to highlight the way their needs and priorities are met and/or contrasted by the initiatives of social intervention targeting them.

Lecturer: Nick MAI is Senior Research Fellow in Migrations and Immigrations at ISET, the Institute for the Study of European Transformations of London Metropolitan University. He holds a PhD from the University of Sussex on the relationship between transcultural media consumption, migration and the emergence of diasporic identities, with a specific focus on the Italo-Albanian migratory space. Nick Mai's main research interest is on the interplay between migration, the emergence of cosmopolitan and/or essentialist forms of consciousness and identity and initiatives of social intervention. Nick researched this interplay in relation to the migration of minors and young adults from the Balkans (Albania, Romania) and North Africa (Morocco, Tunisia) and to migrants' involvement in the global sex industry.

10.30 Coffee break

11.00 Lecture

MIS Saal Jäggi (4112)

Title: Child migration in Africa

Abstract: This lecture will focus on children's migration in Africa. Major issues at stake in the context of children's rights and migration in Africa, including children migrating on their own or with members of their families, both within Africa as well as to Europe, the US or Canada will be discussed.

Lecturer: Yaw OFOSU-KUSI is Lecturer in the Department of Social Studies, University of Education, Winneba, Ghana. He undertook his doctoral studies in the Department of Applied Social Studies at the University of Warwick, UK, on the making of an 'adjustment generation' through considering the experiences of children migrating to Accra, Ghana. During his field research he has spent much time in dialogue with street children in refuges, drop-in centres and meeting places and on the streets, road junctions, markets and transit stations where they work and sleep. He has also developed considerable experience of researching children in demanding circumstances.

12.30 Lunch

14.00 Group Discussion

MIS Saal Jäggi (4112), KIN 1.101 und Cafétéria

Two repeated parallel group discussions on the topics and issues discussed in the morning sessions. The discussions will be introduced and directed by Nick MAI and Yaw OFOSU-KUSI (2 parallel sessions of 45 minutes each)

15.30 Coffee break

16.00 Thesis tutoring

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17.30 Closure

Wednesday 5 May 2010 – International legislation / Mental health

09.00 Lecture

MIS Saal Jäggi (4112)

Title: The international framework on the human rights of children in the context of migration
Abstract: The lecture will discuss the international framework relevant to the protection of the human rights of migrant children and children in the context of migration. It will look in particular at selected thematic issues in this regard, including detention, economic, social and cultural rights, and access to the right to identity of all migrant children. Where relevant, the lecture will draw on the jurisprudence of the international human rights mechanisms (including the Committee on Migrant Workers and the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, as well as the work of relevant Special Procedures) in addition to key developments at the regional level.

Lecturer: Pia OBEROI is Migration Advisor in the Research and Right to Development Division of the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. She has previously worked with the International Secretariat of Amnesty International as principal advisor on migrants' rights, the Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development, and the International Council on Human Rights Policy where she has recently written a report on irregular migration, human smuggling and human rights. She holds a Doctorate in International Relations from St Antony's College, Oxford University, and has published widely on issues relating to the human rights of migrants and refugees.

10.30 Coffee break

11.00 Workshop

MIS Saal Jäggi (4112)

Title: The Committee on the Rights of the Child's General Comment No. 6 regarding treatment of unaccompanied and separated children outside their country of origin

Abstract: This interactive workshop will work with the principles of General Comment N° 6. Participants should ensure that they have read the text of the General Comment and be prepared to apply its principles to practical examples.

Lecturer: Pia OBEROI

12.30 Lunch

14.00 Lecture

MIS Saal Jäggi (4112)

Title: Children's mental health in contexts of migration

Abstract: The lecture will provide an introduction on the relevance of mental health in the context of migration, and will present the role and practice of mental health professionals related to migration

Lecturer: Karima BRAKNA holds an Advanced Master Degree in clinical psychology (DESS) from the University of Lausanne. She is affiliated with "Appartenances", an NGO working in the fields of access to health and health promotion, psychotherapeutic counselling and the organisation of social spaces for migrants in the Canton of Vaud, Switzerland.

15.30 Coffee break

16.30 Improvisation Play

MIS Saal Jäggi (4112)

Warming-up exercises and theatrical improvisation around children's rights, animated by improvisation actor Christian Bauman

18.30 Closure

Thursday 6 May 2010 – Child trafficking

09.00 Lecture

MIS Saal Jäggi (4112)

Title: IOM's counter-trafficking programmes

Abstract: The lecture will present the counter-trafficking programmes of the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) with a specific focus on programmes that address the situation of children.

Lecturer: Jonathan MARTENS is programme specialist for IOM's Migration Management Department in Geneva, Switzerland (www.iom.int)

10.30 Coffee break

11.00 Workshop – Group discussion

MIS Saal Jäggi (4112)

Guided by Jonathan Martens

12.30 Lunch

14.00 Reading and Library

16.00 Departure to Berne for visit (optional)

Railway station

Friday 7 May 2010 – Europe / Media and migration

09.00 Lecture

MIS Saal Jäggi (4112)

Title: Children's rights and migration in Europe

Abstract: According to the UN CRC, separated children outside their country of origin are entitled to special protection and assistance as well as to the fulfilment of other rights without discrimination. Whether and how these obligations are met varies greatly across European States. This lecture will present an introduction to the situation of separated children in Europe and will highlight the main challenges to ensuring protection of their rights. The efforts of child rights advocates, international and intergovernmental organisations to address these protection gaps will also be discussed including recent EU efforts towards the development of an EU Action Plan.

Lecturer: Jyothi KANICS has been working since August 2009 with UNICEF as Advocacy and Policy Specialist. She was Separated Children's Officer with the Irish Refugee Council from 2007-2009. Before joining the Irish Refugee Council she worked for three years with Save the Children as Programme Manager of the Separated Children in Europe Programme. From 2000-2004 she served as the Head of the Anti-Trafficking Unit at the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights. Previously she worked as Co-Director of the Human Trafficking Program at the Global Survival Network. She has received a Masters degree in International Relations from Yale University and a Masters of Studies in International Human Rights Law from Oxford University.

10.30 Coffee break

11.00 Praxis Groups

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12.30 Lunch

14.00 Lecture

MIS Saal Jäggi (4112)

Title: Migration, Media and Childhood: rights, representation and self representation

Abstract: This session will consider some of the implications of a changing media environment for children's rights in the context of migration. We will briefly consider issues surrounding the representation of migrant children in the mainstream media but the main focus will be on migrant children's uses of global and transnational media and the potential of new media technologies for children themselves to represent their experiences of migration. What do these developments offer in promoting children's participation in research, practice and policy?

Lecturer: Liesbeth DE BLOCK is a lecturer at the Institute of Education, University of London, UK. She teaches on both the MA in Media, Culture and Communications and the MA in the Sociology of Childhood and Children's Rights. Her research is based in the Centre for the Study of Children Youth and Media (www.childrenyouthandmedia.org.uk) and her particular interest is in the relationship between childhood, media and migration. She is co-author with Professor David Buckingham of the book *Global Children, Global Media: migration, media and childhood* (2007), Palgrave.

15.30 Coffee break

16.00 Evaluation

MIS Saal Jäggi (4112)

17.30 Closure

► Venues

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.

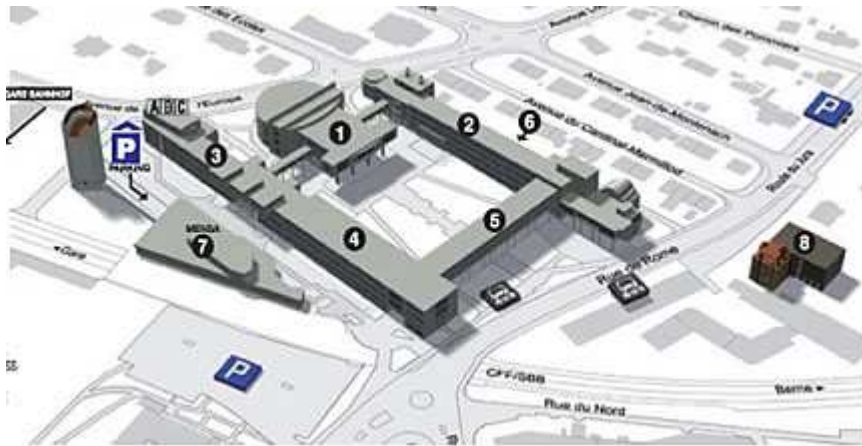
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SITE MISÉRICORDE

Avenue de l'Europe 20

Faculty of Law

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MIS Saal Jäggi (4112):

Building 4 of the Faculty of Law, 1st floor

Kinderstube (Room 1.101 & Cafeteria): Rue de l'Hôpital 4

