

Convention on the Rights of the Child Implementation Project: Article 5 Colloquium

'Children's Rights: Families, Guidance and Evolving Capacities'

Robinson College, Cambridge, 17th-18th July 2019

Programme



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All Colloquium Sessions will take place in the Junior Combination Room.

16 th July	
17.00-17.45	OPTIONAL ACTIVITY: Punting (£17.00 per person)
18.30-20.00	OPTIONAL ACTIVITY: Informal dinner (The Pint Shop: https://pintshop.co.uk/)

17 th July	
8.45 - 9.15	Registration
9.15 - 9.30	Welcome and opening Brian Sloan, Claire Fenton-Glynn, Elaine Sutherland
9.30 - 10.30	Session 1 : Framing Article 5 <i>Chair: Velina Todorova (Member of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child)</i> <i>Elaine Sutherland (University of Stirling): 'Article 5 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child: A Question of Balance?'</i> <i>Ursula Kilkelly (University College Cork): 'The limits of evolving capacity from a children's rights perspective'</i>

10.30 - 11.15	<p>Keynote Address</p> <p>Gerison Lansdown (International children's rights consultant and advocate)</p> <p>'The scope and limitations of the concept of evolving capacities within the CRC'</p>
11.15 - 11.45	Break
11.45 - 12.45	<p>Session 2 : The Role of Parents under Article 5</p> <p><i>Chair:</i> Claire Fenton-Glynn (University of Cambridge)</p> <p>John Eekelaar (Emeritus Fellow, Pembroke College, Oxford): 'Do Parents Know Best?'</p> <p>Sonia Human (Stellenbosch University): 'Parental responsibilities and rights: enhancing or undermining children's rights?'</p>
12.45 - 13.45	Lunch
13.45 – 15.45	<p>Session 3 : Article 5, Adoption, and Information on Origins</p> <p><i>Chair:</i> Elaine Sutherland (University of Stirling)</p> <p>Marit Skivenes (University of Bergen): 'Article 5 and children's role in cases of adoption from care'</p> <p>Judy Cashmore (University of Sydney): <i>Children's Views, Best Interests and Evolving Capacities in consenting to their own adoption: A case file study of NSW Supreme Court adoptions from care</i></p> <p>Brian Sloan (University of Cambridge): 'Article 5 and the Involvement of Fathers in Adoption Proceedings: A Comparative Analysis'</p> <p>Susan Imrie (University of Cambridge): 'Disclosure of donor conception: should parents tell donor-conceived children about their origins?'</p>
15.45 - 16.00	Short Break

16.00 – 17.00	<p>Session 4 : Case studies on Article 5</p> <p><i>Chair:</i> Brian Sloan (University of Cambridge)</p> <p>Gillian Black (University of Edinburgh): ‘Scotland's Named Persons Scheme: In keeping with Article 5 – or incompatible?’</p> <p>Trynie Boezaart (University of Pretoria): ‘From reasonable to unreasonable – or the other way about: corporal punishment in the home’</p>
19.00-22.00	Conference Dinner: Garden Room, Robinson College

18 th July	
9.00 - 10.30	<p>Session 5 : Case studies on Article 5</p> <p>Chair: Nicola Taylor (University of Otago)</p> <p>Duncan Astle (University of Cambridge): ‘The effect of poverty on children’s capacity’</p> <p>Mark Henaghan (University of Auckland): “Three case studies that test the application of article 5 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child”</p> <p>Ioana Cismas (University of York): ‘Article 5 and Education: a battleground for religious interpretations’</p>
11.00 - 11.30	Break
11.30 - 13.00	<p>Session 6 : Gender, sex, and bodily integrity</p> <p>Chair: Kirsten Sandberg (University of Oslo)</p> <p>Lize Mills (Stellenbosch University) and Sabrina Thompson: ‘Parental responsibilities and rights during the “gender re-assignment” decision-making process of intersex infants’</p> <p>Lesley-Anne Barnes Macfarlane (Edinburgh Napier University): ‘From They-bies to Trans Youth: article 5 of the UNCRC and childhood gender variance’</p> <p>Claire Fenton-Glynn (University of Cambridge): ‘Bodily integrity and genital cutting: Parental decision or future choice?’</p>
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 15.00	<p>Session 7 : Evolving capacities and separating parents</p> <p>Chair: Marilyn Freeman (Westminster Law School)</p> <p>Linda Elrod (Washburn University): ‘Evolving Capacities and Weight to be Given Children’s Wishes in Custody Proceedings’</p> <p>Nicola Taylor (University of Otago): ‘Post-separation Parenting Arrangements in New Zealand: Parental Guidance in Support of Children’s Participation Rights’</p>
15.00 – 15.30	Break
15.30 – 16.30	Final Discussion