

Dear colleagues,

We would like to invite you and your colleagues to **international workshop on children's welfare "ACHIEVING PROGRESS IN CHILDREN'S WELFARE: INTERDISCIPLINARY AND MULTILEVEL GOVERNANCE PERSPECTIVES"**, which is organized by Interdisciplinary Research Centre for Children Rights (Kazimieras Simonavicius University, Vilnius, Lithuania).

Programme and registration: <https://goo.gl/b5283x>

Date: 1st December, 2016

Place: Kazimieras Simonavicius University, Vilnius, Lithuania

Price: 80 eur.

Lecturers: Prof. Dr. Steven M. Shardlow (United Kingdom), Cheri Lovre (United States of America), Prof. Dr. Agapi Kandylaki (Greece), Prof. Dr. Stefanos Spaneas (Cyprus), Prof. Dr. Theano Kallinikaki (Greece), Prof. Dr. Sevaste Chatzifotou (Greece), Dr. Sara Serbati (Italy), Dr. Aida Kišūnaitė (Lithuania), Jolanta Tupko-Mazur (Lithuania), Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tomas Butvilas (Lithuania), Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zivilė Vilma Jonynienė (Lithuania), Assoc. Prof. Dr. Justinas Sadauskas (Lithuania).

The invited scholars and practitioners are from different European countries and various disciplines: legal science, social work, educational sciences, sociology, and psychology. Theoretical views and practical experiences about the priority issues, achievements, obstacles, best practices in relation to an interdisciplinary cooperation in enhancing children welfare in European countries will be shared.

ABOUT WORKSHOP:

Despite many European, national and local level attempts to improve the welfare of children in European countries, the problem of the lack comprehensive and children's rights based approach is still present at policy formation and implementation levels.

This workshop aims to address the question of an interdisciplinary approach in children's rights related policies and their implementation in order to promote the idea and the role of inter-institutional cooperation for children's welfare at all levels of governance.

The workshop addresses these questions by focusing on the situation of the rights of four most vulnerable children groups:

1. Children who grow-up in poverty and social exclusion.
2. Children who are placed in institutional care.
3. Children with disabilities.
4. Migrant and refugee children.

ABOUT ORGANIZATOR:

Interdisciplinary Research Center for Children Rights (IRCCR) was created and established in 2016, and it is the first research center of such kind in Lithuania. It is linked to the Law Faculty at Kazimieras Simonavičius University and encourages the development of a high level interdisciplinary research and training in the area of children's rights with the ultimate goal of contributing to better protection of the rights of children both nationally and internationally.

The IRCCR aims to create a national and international forum and network of researchers and practitioners from various child-related disciplines. Discussion among the specialists will result in a transfer of knowledge and information, practical on-the-ground benefits, and the development of future joint training and research opportunities between members of academia and front-line workers.

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