

Children's Rights Research Ethics Forum 2022

Organised by Asia Pacific Regional Hub

Introduction

The Global Campus of Human Rights (GC), the Rights Livelihood Foundation (RLF) and the Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies (IHRP), Mahidol University, Thailand, have been maintaining long-term collaboration in improving, extending and supporting academic research and advocacy on children's rights in the Asia Pacific region. As the regional hub, IHRP further coordinates this collaboration through partnerships with several other universities within the region including, the Kathmandu Law School, Nepal, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, Ateneo De Manila University, Philippines, and Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia. This regional partnership offers a Master's program on Human Rights and Democratization, where young researchers interested in child rights related issues are prioritised. The programme offers education, training, research opportunities as well as hands-on experience of human rights in practice.

Although academia and NGO's often apply similar ethical principles during research, the framework and review processes can be different. While NGOs prioritise evidence-based research and intend to ensure the voice of the victims is heard or child participation in decision making is ensured, NGOs frequently work in fragile and dangerous contexts, with children likely to suffer from lifelong trauma. Thus, the context itself creates particularly complex ethical issues. In contrast, research within academia needs to pass through an Institutional Review Board, which is often criticised for being time consuming, burdensome, and often inexperienced with some of the nuances associated with researching particularly vulnerable groups. Many of our academic researchers are involved with NGOs' activities concurrently or may join upon graduation. Interaction among diverse professionals on what and how research ethics are handled will be beneficial to both their research and their work in practice.

As part of the education and training on child rights research, the IHRP, Mahidol University, Thailand, intends to organise an international child rights research ethics forum to bring together academics, students and experts to consult on ethical issues while researching and working on/with children. This forum will offer an opportunity to learn and share knowledge and critical feedback on research ethics from child rights researchers and scholars within the Global Campus university network.

Forum Attendees

The Forum is intended for academics, students, and experts who engage with aspects of children's rights within the Global Campus university network. The forum promises to discuss and examine issues within the children' rights discourse relating to the conceptual understanding of families, community, environment and other issues that influence children's wellbeing directly or indirectly.

Forum Goal

To develop academic research ethics standards.

Objectives

Student-led Forum

- ❖ To bring together young researchers to share and exchange ethical challenges in academic research.
- ❖ To document students' recommendations on academic research ethics.

Student-led sessions- discuss and identify areas in need of work, which later picked up in the second expert workshop

- ❖ Students talk about their planned research methodology, experience, and challenges around ethical issues they encounter. This will include essentially students' experience/observation on children related issues;
- ❖ Students from the Global Campus University Network who are conducting research on children and related issues will be invited.
- ❖ GC University Network academics are invited as mentors/resource persons in the forum.

Forum date: 29 June 2022

Forum type and location: The hybrid event will be held in Bangkok, Thailand. Researchers and experts outside Thailand will join online.

Duration: 4 hours event

Time: To be scheduled between CET 9.00 am -13.00 pm / Bangkok time 14 pm-18 pm.

Registration: Please fill-in the form bellow by 10 June 2022

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