

INCARCERATED CONNECTION

22nd Anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child Children of Incarcerated Parents

Maastricht – 17 Nov. 2011

Moderator for the day: Lina Hartmann, University College Maastricht

Time	Programme	Name	Organization / title
	Location for the morning session: UNU-MERIT / Keizer Karelplein 19		
09:30-09:50	Welcome and introduction to the event	Professor Dr. Luc Soete	Director of UNU-MERIT and Dean of MGSoG
09:50-10:05	The idea behind the event	Sepideh Yousefzadeh	Research fellow, UNU-Merit/ MGSoG
10:05-10:25	Keynote Speech <i>Day of General Discussion on Children of the Incarcerated – outcomes and opportunities</i>	Dr. Maria Herczog	Member of the Committee on the Rights of the Child
10:25-10:40	Q&A		
10:40-11:00	Short coffee break		
	Panel 1: Children of incarcerated parents – <i>struggles and issues</i> Chair: Professor Dr. Hildegard Schneider – Dean of Faculty of Law		
11:00-11:20	Children telling their own stories	Donnie Sweeney	NIACRO
11:20-11:40	Issues and challenges facing children of prisoners	Martin Manby	COPING
11:40-12:00	Face to face with child abuse in prison	Mehri Jafari	ICAVI
12:00-12:20	Giving a voice to Syrian children	Rosh Abdelfatah	Independent film maker
12:20-13:00	Q & A for the first panel		
13:00-13:45	Lunch		

Location for the afternoon session: UCM, Zwingelput 4

14:00-14:10	Message from UN Committee on Human Rights	Professor Dr. Cees Flinterman	Message from UN Committee on Human Rights
14:10-14:30	Involving youth in child / human rights advocacy, UCM	Heiner Salomon	UCM alumni – Currently an MPP student at the MGSoG
	<p>Panel 2: Supporting children of incarcerated parents – <i>struggles, lessons learnt, solutions</i> Chair: Roya Kashefi – ICAVI</p>		
14:30-14:50	Expect success for everyone	Shellie Solomon	Service Network for Children of Inmates
14:50-15:10	Good practices and steps to limit the damage	Dr. Ria Wolleswinkel	Director of Studies in the Faculty of Law and member of the Faculty Board
15:10-15:30	A survey of the mental health of children of prisoners in four European countries	Dr Bernard Gallagher	COPING
15:30-15:50	Prison regimes approach to child rights	Dave Weir	NIACRO
15:50-16:10	Coffee break		
16:10-16:45	Q & A for the 2 nd panel		
	<p>Panel 3: What's next? Chair: Lina Hedwig (UCM)</p>		
16:45-17:15	Dr. Maria Herczog - Zina Nimeh, MGSoG - Dr. Ria Wolleswinkel - Professor Dr. Luc Soete - UCM representative - UNSA representative		
17:15-17:25	Closing remarks: Sepideh Yousefzadeh		

Biographies in alphabetical order - (as of 1st November 2011)

Rosh Abdelfatah

Rosh Abdelfatah (1982, Amouda, Syria) is a Kurdish/Syrian refugee who finished art school at the St. Joost Academy in Breda in 2006. At present, he is making freelance productions for different Arabic TV stations and he works as an autonomous artist. His works include: Making of Wat Nou (2003, TV), Experimental Film About the Suffering of Street Prostitutes (2003), Different/ Anders (2004, doc), Excess Prohibited/Verboden toegang (2005), Expelled (2005, doc), Musaïc (2006, short).

Svenja Engels

Svenja is a student at the University College in Maastricht (UCM). Before she started to study in Maastricht, she spent one voluntary year of social service in Romania. As a student of UCM, she is holding one of the board positions of Universalis, the study association of UCM, as Academic Activities Officer. Within this function, she helped to organize the Conference "Incarcerated Connection: A New Focus on Child Rights".

Professor Dr. Cees Flinterman

In January 2011, Cees Flinterman took a seat on the UN Human Rights Committee for a term of four years. He is the second Dutch person to join this prestigious committee. Flinterman has ample experience in the UN: Twice, he has led the Dutch delegation to the UN Human Rights Committee, the predecessor of the Human Rights Council, and in 1993, he was vice chair of this committee. Previously, he was a member of another UN human rights committee: the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) committee for eight years. Flinterman was one of the founders of the UM Faculty of Law and from 1984 to 1986 he was also dean of that faculty. He is currently honorary professor of "Supervision on compliance to human rights in the framework of the United Nations.

Dr. Bernard Gallagher

Bernard is a Reader in Applied Social Sciences in the Centre for Applied Childhood Studies and the Division of Social Work at the University of Huddersfield, England. He specialises in the areas of child protection, children in state care, and child welfare and crime victimisation more generally. He has been the principle investigator on a number of studies including research into international and internet child sexual abuse (CSA); stranger-perpetrated physical and sexual assaults on children; the attrition of cases of child abuse and neglect in the criminal justice system; organised CSA; and the care of, and outcomes for, children looked after by the state.

Lina Hartman

Lina Hartman is a 3rd- year student at University College Maastricht (UCM), where she focuses her Liberal Arts studies on psychology and business. As a member of the UCM Management Team, she is eager to encourage students to take an active role in the community and to enhance cooperation with other departments. Today's conference serves as an ideal opportunity to increase such involvement and collaboration.

Lina Verena Hedwig

Lina is a 21 year old student at the University College Maastricht. In the past two years, she concentrated her studies on the fields of International Relations and Law. In her semester abroad at University of Connecticut, she took classes in Comparative Human Rights and Development Studies. The combination of international and legal studies as well as her general interest in contemporary Human Rights issues motivated her to join and chair one of the panel discussion at the academic event "Incarcerated Connection".

Dr. Maria Herczog

Maria Herczog is a Ph.D. in Sociology, MA in Economics, reader and senior researcher at Eszterházy Károly College, Dep. of Social Pedagogy, president of Eurochild and chair of the Family Child Youth Association. She was elected as a member to the UN CRC Committee in 2007 and re-elected in 2010.

Her main area of research is child welfare, child protection, child rights, children in public care. Since 1992 she has been the chief editor of the only Hungarian professional journal "Family, Child, Youth". She has been working with international organisations – Council of Europe, UNICEF, WHO - as a temporary scientific expert and consultant. Her recent research covered abandoned infants in Europe, child abuse in the family. During the last couple of years she has been an expert in the adaptation program of Sure Start in Hungary, Co-editor, author and co-author of 3 chapters in the handbook on early childhood development and service needs: I, Danis, M, Farkas, M., Herczog, L. Szilvasi (ed): Sure Start Handbooks I., From Genes to Society, and Sure Start Books II. The nature of early childhood development – developmental steps and challenges, NCSSZI, Budapest, 2011, A chapter on the Encouragement of early childhood development in: Green Book of the Public Education (ed: K. Fazekas, J. Köllő, J. Varga, pp.33-52) MTA, Budapest, 2008, Author of several books and chapters among them the Handbook of Child Protection KJK, 2005, Child Abuse and Neglect, Komplex, Budapest, 2007, Budapest, articles. regular speaker at national and international conferences.

Ms. Mehri Jafari

Maria Jafari was born in Iran. As a lawyer, she champions the rights of women, children, and homosexuals, etc. through her writing, research and legal projects. Since March 2009 that she has arrived in the UK, has been managing various legal and volunteering projects. Her various and continuous articles are reflected in the Iranian newspapers and e-magazines. Also, her legal writing book about responsibility in sport has been released in 2008 – by Meshki publication- Tehran, and the volume II of this book is due out soon as well. She is secretary of the women's section of "Asar", a literature e-magazine and director of the community e-magazine for Iranian disability support association in the UK. Her first book of poetry called "No Fear of Gravity" was published in 2006- and another collection, "Tuning My Instrument," is due out soon. On the Khorshid Foundation for best women's poetry, she has been a judge on three occasions in 2008, 2010 and 2011. In August 2008, she as a first woman in Iran, solo climbed the 7010-meter Khan Tangiri summit in Kyrgyzstan.

Ms. Roya Kashefi

Roya has studied contemporary Iranian affairs and human rights issues since 1989. She works as a senior researcher for Association des Chercheurs Iraniens (ACI), an international non-profit organisation dedicated to unbiased and objective study of Iranian issues. In her capacity as the head of ACI's human rights committee Roya Kashefi has presented papers at many international conferences including the UN and EU Parliament as well as attending sessions at the UN Human Rights Council regularly. Her current research focuses on two issues firstly, education and job opportunities for women in Iran, and secondly, national and international laws and policies affecting the lives of Iran's ethnic and religious groups. "Violence isn't just physical", is a study of the situation of women, laws and policies in Iran, the book of

which will be published later this year. Roya is also a founding member of International Coalition Against Violence in Iran (ICAVI).

Mr. Martin Manby

Martin is a qualified social worker and was previously a Director of Social Services in London and for the City of Sheffield. He has been Director of the Nationwide Children's Research Centre based in Huddersfield in West Yorkshire since 1998. His research has focussed on child protection, children in trouble, inter-agency collaboration and family support. Recent research projects have included studies of family support and children's centres in the north west of England, and in Oldham. Recent publications have covered the role and contribution of fathers in supporting families; the experience of parents whose children have been subject to child abuse investigations, and evaluations of parenting support programmes.

Ms. Zina Nimeh

Zina Nimeh is a social scientist at the Graduate School of Governance. Her research interests are in the topics of Social Exclusion, Poverty & Inequality, Citizenship, Social Protection Policy and Welfare with a specific regional focus on the Middle East, where she has worked extensively. She holds a bachelors degree in finance and masters degree in labour and human resources. She is currently conducting her research on group inequality and refugees.

Heiner Salomon

Heiner is currently a student at the Maastricht School of Governance / United Nations University in Maastricht. His focus of study is on Social Policy Design and Financing. Before that he studied Public Policy Analysis and International Relations at the University College Maastricht. During his time in Maastricht he has been active in different student organizations, amongst others the United Nations Student Association and the Student Workforce for Sustainability and Development. Currently, he is President of NovUM, one of the student representation parties at Maastricht University.

Professor Dr. Hildegard Schneider

Hildegard Schneider, the is Professor of European Union Law at the Law Faculty of Maastricht University. She studied Law, Political Science and Art History in Freiburg (Breisgau), London, Paris and Münster. She completed the '1.Staatsexamen' in 1980 and the '2. Staatsexamen' in 1986 (after working at the Westfälische Wilhelmsuniversität in Münster and at a solicitor's office in Hong Kong). Since 1986, she has worked at Maastricht University, teaching mainly European Union law, German law and German legal terminology and her research covers the same areas. In her research she is particularly interested in the free movement of natural and legal persons and migration issues, the recognition of diplomas and EU policies in the field of education and culture, international trade law and comparative law. She obtained her Ph.D. defending a thesis entitled 'Die Anerkennung von Diplomen in der Europäischen Gemeinschaft' at Maastricht University. From 1997 to 2001, she served as Director of Studies of the Magister Iuris Communis programme. Today she is a scholar of the Maastricht Centre for European Law and a member of the Ius Commune research school. She is involved in various international networks. Hildegard is involved in the coordination of European Union Substantive Law, and she teaches European migration law and citizenship, European internal market law, and Law and Art: the free movement of cultural property. Since September 2011 she is Dean of the Law Faculty and member of the Management Team of Maastricht University.

Professor Dr. Luc Soete

Luc Soete (15 September 1950, Brussels) is Director of the United Nations University research and training institute: UNU-MERIT located in Maastricht, The Netherlands and Professor of Internal Economic Relations and Director-Dean of the Maastricht Graduate School of Governance (MGSoG) at Maastricht University. He is a member of the Advisory Council for Science and Technology Policy (AWT) and the Royal Dutch Academy of Science (KNAW). Luc Soete graduated in economics from Ghent University, Belgium. He obtained a DPhil in economics from Sussex University where he worked as senior research fellow at the Science Policy Research Unit in the late 70's and 80's. From 1984 till 1985 he was visiting associate professor at the Department of Economics at Stanford University, USA. In 1986 he joined the new Faculty of Economics and Business Administration (now called the School of Business and Economics) at Maastricht University as professor of International Economics Relations. In 1988 he set up the research institute MERIT (Maastricht Economic Research centre on Innovation and Technology) which merged under his direction in 2005 with UNU-INTECH to become UNU-MERIT. In 2010 he became Director-Dean of the Maastricht Graduate School of Governance of Maastricht University. He is a member of the Board of the Maastricht School of Management (MSM) and the Belgian media company Concentra. Over the last 30 years, Luc Soete has contributed as (co-)author and (co-)editor to some 11 books, 50 refereed articles and some 100 chapters in books. In 2002, he received the MSM Honorary Fellow Award, in 2007 the Belgian reward Commandeur in de Kroonorde and in 2010 a Doctor Honoris Causa from his Alma Mater, the University of Ghent.

Ms. Shellie Solomon

Shellie Solomon is the Chief Executive Officer of Justice & Security Strategies, Inc. (JSS), a consulting firm that specializes in issues related to criminal justice, homeland security, children and youth violence, public health, and public policy. At JSS, she directs contracts and grants with cities, counties, criminal justice agencies, foundations, and foreign nations. Currently, Shellie serves as the Project Director of the Service Network for Children of Inmates, a collaboration of eight community, faith and professionally-based organizations working to support children with an incarcerated parent. Beyond, this project, Shellie serves as the on-site research partner for the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office Gang and Mortgage Fraud Units. She also leads efforts in Miami to study collective efficacy as related to neighborhood violence through grants from the National Institute of Justice and The Children's Trust. Shellie is a graduate of Leadership Florida Class XXVI and the Joint Civilian Operations Orientation Class, U.S. Department of Defense. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Jessie Trice Community Health Center and previously, served on the Board of Directors for the American Association of University Women's Legal Advocacy Fund. Shellie received a Master of Science degree in Public Policy Analysis from the University of Rochester and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from the University of Oklahoma.

Mr. Donnie Sweeney

Donnie Sweeney has worked in the voluntary sector in Northern Ireland for almost 30 years. He has worked as an advice and advocacy worker and Director of a small community organisation in Derry. He has worked for the Northern Ireland Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders ((NIACRO) for 14 years. Donnie has had responsibility for NIACRO's work in the areas of community development and community safety. For the past 8 years he has been Service Manager for families and children of prisoners.

Mr. Dave Weir

Dave Weir is the Director of Services - Children and Families with NIACRO - the Northern Ireland Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders. He is a social worker by background and has worked primarily in the youth justice sector - in Whitefield, with the Juvenile Justice Board and latterly with the Youth Justice Agency where he was Director of Community Services. His areas of particular interest include early intervention for the prevention of offending by children and services for the children and families of prisoners.

Dr. M.W. Wolleswinkel

Since September 2005 Ria Wolleswinkel is Faculty of Law's Director of Studies. She is Member of the Board of the Maastricht Centre for Human Rights and National Director of the European Master in Human Rights and Democratisation (Venice). As Associate Professor of Women and Law she worked at the Department of Criminal Law and Criminology. In research her main focus is gender perspectives of family rights of prisoners and their families. She wrote her PHD thesis on Women in Detention and their right to family life (1997). Afterwards she also published on the rights of children of imprisoned parents. From 2000-2005 she has been President of the European Committee for Children of Imprisoned Parents (EUROCHIPS) in Paris.

Sepideh Yousefzadeh

Holding bachelors on midwifery from Shiraz University in Iran and awarded a mid-career Masters degree on Public Administration from John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. She has experiences in multicultural and international settings, project cycle and program management, mainly with vulnerable populations in war-affected situations, post conflict responses, women and children (refugee camps and settlements in Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Lebanon). Her expertise is in needs assessment, participatory planning, project implementation, policy design, monitoring and evaluation. Currently she is conducting her PhD research on multidimensional child poverty in Iran. She examines how boys and girls, rural and urban, and different ethnic children experience deprivations and poverty.