Programme

Thursday 19th November

9.00–9.30
Registration of participants

9.30–9.45
Welcome Addresses

9.45–10.45
Opening Plenary Session

Chair: Mateja Sedmak

Ravi K. S. Kohli (University of Bedfordshire, UK): Liquid children: reflections on the movements forced migrant children make towards their ‘best interests’

10.45–11.15
Coffee Break

11.15–13.00
Session I:
Project “In whose best interest? Exploring unaccompanied minors’ rights through the lens of migration and asylum processes”, part 1

Chair: Birgit Sauer

Mateja Sedmak (University of Primorska, Science and Research Centre, Slovenia): Presentation of the project ‘In whose best interests? Exploring unaccompanied minors’ rights through the lens of migration and asylum processes’ and comparative results

Corentin Bailleul & Daniel Senovilla Hernández (MIGRINTER, CNRS- University of Poitiers, France): ‘All this is politics’: Institutional practices hindering unaccompanied children’s effective access to their fundamental rights in France

Joanna Wilding & Marie-Bénédicte Dembour (University of Brighton, UK): ‘The person who has been there for me’: lack of guardianship and the fragmentation of formal support for unaccompanied children in the UK

13.00–14.30
Lunch (individual arrangements)

14.30–15.15
Plenary session

Chair: Tjaša Žakelj

Marina Uzelac (Slovene Philanthropy, Slovenia): Being a separated child in Slovenia

15.15–17.15
Session II:

Chair: Blaž Lenarčič

Richard Warren & Sheona York (Kent Law Clinic, UK): ‘Best interests’ considerations for young asylum seekers following the Immigration Act 2014 and other recent legal developments

Georgiana Ursprung (Swiss National Youth Council, Switzerland): Participation of children on the move in Switzerland

Deepika Harjani Samtani (Brunel University, UK): Unaccompanied minors and their transition to adulthood in the UK, London and in Spain, Canary Islands

Uršula Lipovec Čebron & Ela Meh (Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia): ‘Best interest’ of the child - some reflections on the fieldwork experience with unaccompanied minors in Serbia

19.00
Social dinner
Friday 20\textsuperscript{th} November

9.00–9.45
Plenary Session:
Chair: Marie-Bénédicte Dembour

\textbf{Jyothi Kanics} (University of Lucerne, Switzerland, previously UNICEF): \textit{Ensuring respect for the best interests of children on the move in Europe}

9.45–10.15
\textit{Coffee Break}

10.15–11.45
Session III:
Project “In whose best interest? Exploring unaccompanied minors’ rights through the lens of migration and asylum processes”, part 2
Chair: Daniel Senovilla Hernández

\textbf{Blaž Lenarčič, Zorana Medarić, Mateja Sedmak & Tjaša Žakelj} (University of Primorska, Science and Research Centre, Slovenia): \textit{Unaccompanied minors in Slovenia: Principle of the best interest of the child between theory and practice}

\textbf{Ayse Dursun & Birgit Sauer} (University of Vienna, Austria): \textit{Determining the best interests of the unaccompanied minors in Austria: Legal framework, practices, and discourses. A case study of Austria}

12.00–13.30
Session IV
Chair: Joanna Wilding

\textbf{Margrite Kalverboer & Carla van Os} (University of Groningen, Department of Special Needs Education and Youth Care, Faculty of Behavioural and Social Sciences, Netherlands): \textit{The Best Interests of the Child-model: facilitating decisions on housing and the asylum procedure of unaccompanied minor asylum seekers}

\textbf{Jeannette Wollenstein} (International Social Service – General Secretariat, Switzerland): \textit{Promising practices to promote best interests of children in international migration}

\textbf{Eyup Artvinli} (Eskisehir Osmangazi University, Turkey), \textbf{Perihan Sara} (Usak University, Turkey) & \textbf{Melis Demir} (Eskisehir Osmangazi University, Turkey): \textit{Perception of reception, protection and asylum process of Syrian children: Lessons from painful experience in Turkey}

13.30–15.00
\textit{Lunch (individual arrangements)}
15.00–15.45
Closing Plenary Session
Chair: Zorana Medarić

**Katharina Glawischnig** (Asylkoordination Österreich, Austria): *The right to information and participation of unaccompanied minor asylum seekers on their way to the right to asylum in Austria*

16.00–17.30
Closing Plenary Session
Chair: Ayse Dursun

**Noemie Pate** (Université Paris Ouest Nanterre, Institut des Sciences sociales du Politique, France): *Identity pluralism and social evaluation: The unaccompanied migrant children’s biographical narratives put on trial*

**Mirko Prosen** (University of Primorska, Faculty of Health Sciences, Slovenia): *Preventing health disparities among migrant children and youth: Delivering culturally competent health care*

**Roberta Bosisio** (Department of Culture, Politics and Society, University of Turin, Italy): *Unaccompanied migrant children in Italy: Rights and needs in the legislation and in children’s representations*

17.30
Closing speech