

INTERNATIONAL AND CANADIAN CHILD RIGHTS PARTNERSHIP (ICCRP)

Updates on the ICCRP's Activities and Upcoming Events!



All ICCRP Partnership & Engagement Event Attendees July 8-11, 2024, Durham, Ontario, Canada

Greetings,
 We are excited to share news of our latest activities and results! In July 2024, the ICCRP proudly hosted its inaugural *in-person Partnership and Engagement Event* in the stunning setting of Durham, Ontario, Canada. This landmark gathering brought together members of our Intergenerational Advisory Committee, Steering Committee, Working Groups, Case Studies, and dedicated research support staff. Our group was diverse, ranging in ages (from 11 to senior citizens), from five continents around the world. Held at a charming eco-lodge immersed in nature, the Event aimed to *foster meaningful relational engagement and create spaces where children and young people could significantly influence research design*. The tranquil surroundings facilitated productive discussions and collaborative activities, deepening our commitment to impactful research and partnership development.

The ICCRP is looking forward to building on the momentum gained from our in-person event. We are excited to announce that *we will be hosting a series of virtual partnership events in November 2024*. These virtual events will be open to anyone interested in children's rights and will offer different opportunities for engagement and dialogue together. More details to come!

We hope you enjoy the following photographs from the Event shared below. Please note that everyone *featured in these images has given their consent* to have their pictures taken and reproduced by the ICCRP. We deeply appreciate the support of our entire ICCRP community and look forward to connecting with everyone virtually later this year. New members, whether individuals or organizations/institutions, are always welcome to join the ICCRP! Feel free to reach out as we would love to hear from you.

Thank you all for your continued involvement and dedication to advancing our shared goals!



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Check Out the Policy Working Group's Latest Webinar

Hosted by the Policy Working Group, the webinar *"Advancing Children's Rights through Law and Policy: Experiences from Brazil, Scotland, and South Africa"* was the first opportunity to hear from three ICCRP case study researchers about their insights regarding children's participation in policy and law. Featuring Irene Rizzini (Brazil), Rona Blackwood (Scotland), and Lucy Jamieson (South Africa), this dynamic discussion surfaced promising examples, opportunities and challenges in navigating power dynamics, as well as recommendations for moving forward children's participation and intergenerational relationships in policy and law.

[CLICK HERE](#) to watch the Policy Working Group Webinar today! [CLICK HERE](#)

Children & Society Special Issue Launch Webinar: "Conceptualising & Researching Child & Youth Activism"

We are delighted to announce the successful launch of a *new special issue of Children and Society*, focusing on the dynamic field of *child and youth activism*. This landmark issue, co-edited by Laura Wright, Emma Davidson, Kristina Konstantoni, Marlies Kustatscher, Karina Padilla, and Kay Tisdall from the University of Edinburgh, brings together 15 outstanding papers that delve into the conceptualization and research of child and youth activism. [CLICK HERE](#) to watch the special issue launch! [CLICK HERE](#)

The special issue showcases the work of scholars, practitioners, and peer researchers from around the globe, highlighting the innovative and impactful ways in which children and young people are engaged in activism. Each paper offers unique insights into the practices, challenges, and successes of child and youth-led movements and initiatives.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all contributors and editors for their dedication to advancing this crucial area of research. The issue is a testament to the vibrant and growing field of child and youth activism and serves as an important resource for those interested in understanding and supporting young activists worldwide!



ICCRP Case Study & Working Group Updates

- The *Policy Working Group* co-leads, Dr. Natasha Blanchet-Cohen, Dr. Holly Doel-Mackaway and their valued doctoral research assistant Amy Cooper, received the third and final Research Ethics Board (REB) approval from Toronto Metropolitan University (TMU). The team is currently moving forward with their research on policy implications of the ICCRP's various case studies.
- Ethical approval for the *Case Study 2aii "Multi Country Case Studies World Vision"* has been obtained from TMU's REB. Next they will be seeking ethics approval from the Uganda National Council For Science and Technology.
- Jane Kovarikova and Dr. Tara Collins are currently in the recruitment and data collection stages of *Case Study 1b "Intergenerational Relationships, Lived Experiences, and Ontario Child Welfare Policy and Practices"*.
- Dr. Tara Collins is currently recruiting young participants for the Ontario site of *Case Study 2b "Child and Youth Activism Project work"*.

[Check out the ICCRP's website for the Child and Youth Activism Project RECRUITMENT POSTER!](#) [CLICK HERE](#)

Talented Brazilian Student Received Leadership Award to Work with the ICCRP

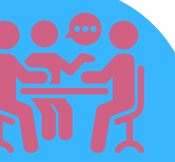
Laís Dias Ramos received an award from the [Canadian Bureau for International Education \(CBIE\)'s Emerging Leaders in the Americas Program \(ELAP\)](#) to work with the ICCRP at Toronto Metropolitan University. She travelled to Toronto from Brazil, to work with the ICCRP from September to December 2023. A student in Education, her primary work supported the development of a curriculum for children and young people in different contexts in participatory action research.



Laís reflected on her transformative experience, where she gained deep insights into participatory methodologies and their impact on empowering children and youth. Her work on developing a curriculum was both challenging and rewarding, allowing her to explore diverse global research approaches and learn how educators can engage children and youth throughout research projects. She observed how these methods help children and young people understand their rights and take meaningful action to improve their lives and society. Laís was inspired by seeing how children and youth, through research projects, can make significant changes and build self-confidence. As a professional teacher, she valued seeing knowledge applied beyond the classroom in communities facing real challenges, affirming that progress is possible despite obstacles in the future.

[To learn more about this award and other awards for international students interested in study opportunities in Canada](#) [CLICK HERE!](#) [CLICK HERE](#)

IAC Second Roundtable A Great Success!

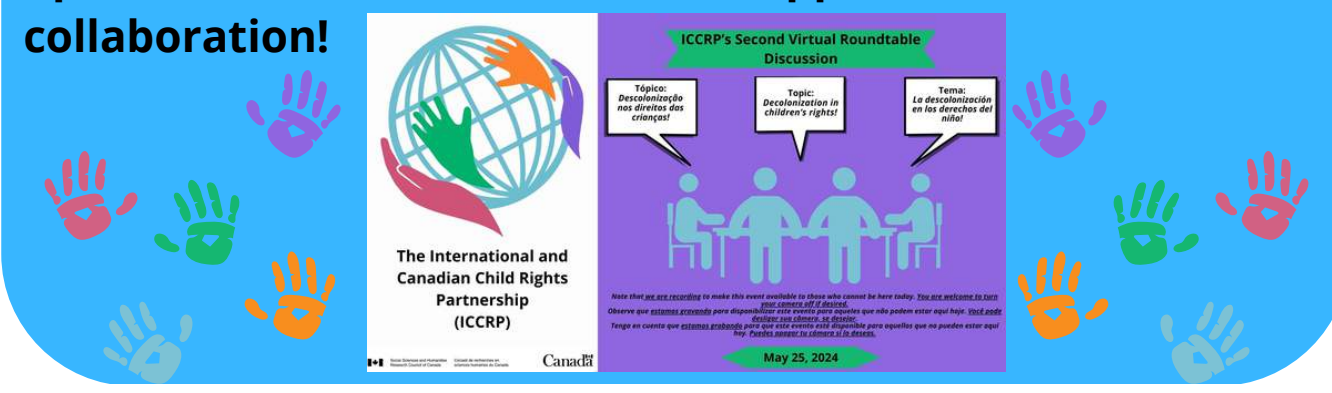


Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to everyone who participated in the *ICCRP's second virtual roundtable* conducted by the Intergenerational Advisory Committee of the ICCRP.

[The IAC Roundtable "Exploring Decolonization in Children's Rights" is AVAILABLE HERE!](#) [CLICK HERE](#)

Taking place in May 2024, the roundtable discussion was an inspiring and enriching experience, thanks to the vibrant contributions from our Intergenerational Advisory Committee members comprised of children, young people, and adults. We were delighted to see a diverse audience, including children and young people, researchers, partner organizations, universities, human rights institutions, and government representatives, come together for this important discussion on children and youth rights and participation.

The success of this event highlights the collective commitment of the ICCRP to advancing children's rights and integrating children and young people's voices into practice. We look forward to continuing this dialogue and building on the momentum generated during the event. Stay tuned for updates on future initiatives and opportunities for collaboration!





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CHECK IT OUT

ICCRP's June 27 and July 5th Panel Presentations

We are thrilled to report that the recent panel presentations hosted by the International and Canadian Child Rights Partnership (ICCRP) were a tremendous success. Held on June 27th and July 5th, 2024, at Toronto Metropolitan University and Carleton University, the events brought together leading experts to discuss children's rights from diverse global perspectives. *Dr. Irene Rizzini* from the International Center for Research and Policy on Childhood/PUC-Rio, *Dr. Robert Nanima* of the University of the Western Cape and the African Children's Committee of the African Union, *George Lima* from the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, and *Dr. Holly Doel-Mackaway* from Macquarie Law School, provided invaluable insights into the challenges and advancements in child rights across Africa, the Americas, Brazil, and Australia. The engaging discussions and rich exchanges of ideas offered attendees a unique opportunity to deepen their understanding of child rights on a global scale. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who attended and contributed to both events' success.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the four panel presentations joined together by the ICCRP. [CLICK HERE](#)



Robert Nanima

Associate Professor and Head of Department, Criminal Justice and Procedure at the Faculty of Law at the University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa



Irene Rizzini

Professor at PUC-Rio University and founding director of the International Center for Research and Policy on Children (CIESPI)



George Lima

Human rights specialist and coordinator at the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR)



Holly Doel-Mackaway

Professor of Constitutional Law, Child and Elder Law and Legal Research Methodologies at Macquarie Law School.



The above photo was taken at the June 27th, 2024 panel presentation. From left to right: George Lima, Tara Collins, Irene Rizzini, and Robert Nanima.

CAFADA End of Project Webinar Series

On behalf of the *Child and Families Affected by Domestic Abuse (CAFADA) project*, you are invited to attend a series of webinars where they will share findings from the CAFADA Project. The webinars will be held every day from Friday September 20 to Friday September 27, 2024.

[CLICK HERE](#) to reserve your tickets today! [CLICK HERE](#)



CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AFFECTED BY DOMESTIC ABUSE (CAFADA)

Join us for a series of daily lunchtime webinars where you will hear about the findings from the CAFADA (Children and Families Affected by Domestic Abuse) Project.



SCAN THE QR CODE OR [CLICK HERE TO BOOK YOUR PLACE](#)

NEW

Check Out the ICCRP's Recent Outputs!

- Jamieson, L., & Manjang, H. (2024). *A Critical Review of South Africa's Child Participation Frameworks*. https://ci.uct.ac.za/sites/default/files/media/documents/ci_uct_ac_za/533/ci-iccrp-child-participation-report-2024.pdf [CLICK HERE](#)
- Moshopane, D., & Jamieson, L. (2024). *Child Activism South Africa* [Poster Presentation]. ICCRP Partnership & Engagement Event, Durham, ON, Canada. <https://www.torontomu.ca/content/dam/international-canadian-child-rights-partnership/news-events/child-activism-south-africa-poster.pdf> [CLICK HERE](#)
- Rizzini, I., Nanima, G., & Doel-Mackaway, H. (2024, July 5). *Children's Rights in Africa, Brazil, and Australia* [Panel Presentation], Toronto Metropolitan University, Toronto, Canada. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=stv6HIDQMzU> [CLICK HERE](#)
- Rizzini, I., Lima, G., & Nanima, R. (2024, June 27). *ICCRP Panel: Children's Rights in Africa, Brazil, and Brazil* [Panel Presentation], Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=stv6HIDQMzU> [CLICK HERE](#)
- Rizzini, I., & Collins, T. M. (2024, June 13). *Exploring conceptualizations & practices of children's rights internationally, Interdisciplinary Research Laboratory on the Rights of the Child (IRLRC)*, [Hybrid Lecture]. University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada. <https://www.uottawa.ca/faculty-law/events-all/exploring-conceptualizations-practices-childrens-rights-internationally> [CLICK HERE](#)
- Blanchet-Cohen, N., Cooper, A., & Doel-Mackaway, H. & Panelists: Irene Rizzini, Lucy Jamieson, and Rona Blackwood. (June 11, 2024). [Webinar]. *Advancing Children's Rights through Law and Policy*. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F-q6h_flgAY [CLICK HERE](#)

ICCRP Colleagues' Recent Publications

- Collins, T. M., Tisdall, E. K. M., McMellon, C., & Gibson, S. (2024). Children and young people's participation in impact assessment. In T. Burdett & A. J. Sinclair (Eds.), *Handbook of public participation in impact assessment* (pp. 221-235). Edward Elgar Publishing. <http://dx.doi.org/10.4337/9781800889996> [CLICK HERE](#)
- MacLachlan, A., Pemmasani, P., Jamieson-Mackenzie, I., McMellon, C., Cunningham, E., Lewis, R., & Tisdall, E. K. M. (2024). *Applying Co-production Principles in Research: Reflections from Young People and Academics*. *Childhood*, 09075682241269692. <https://www.research.ed.ac.uk/files/454402003/MacLachlanEtal2024CAApplyingCoProductionPrinciples.pdf> [CLICK HERE](#)



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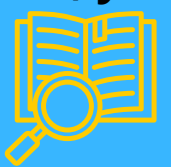


The ICCRP is now supported by the Ontario Research Fund Research Excellence of the Ontario Government!

The ICCRP is thrilled to announce that it has received new funding from the Government of Ontario's Ministry of Colleges and Universities from the Ontario Research Fund - Research Excellence (ORF-RE). This five-year project entitled: "*International and Canadian Child Rights Partnership: Children's Rights & Well-being in Ontario*" has been funded \$1,538,029 (CDN) until September 2028.

ICCRP scholars and community partners in this Canadian province will explore how intergenerational relationships contribute to and challenge barriers to children's rights and develop innovative models for equitable intergenerational partnerships within research, policy, and practice to promote children's participation and well-being.

Working together with our valuable local partners, this project will maximize the benefits from the ICCRP's work to Ontario and its residents, young and older. So exciting and there is much more to come!



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Check Out the ICCRP's Values & Principles!

In our recent meetings, young and older members of the ICCRP have collaboratively developed and refined the ICCRP's Values and Principles. These Values and Principles not only guide our work but also communicate our commitment to children's rights to those outside our partnership. We believe in the importance of including diverse perspectives, so we invited adults, children, and young people within the ICCRP to share their thoughts and ideas before finalizing the document. This ensures that the voices of children and young people are meaningfully reflected!

Our commitment to being relational and transformative means we are continually evolving as individuals, working groups, committees, and as a partnership. As we grow and change, our Values and Principles may also evolve to reflect our ongoing journey.

To read our ICCRP Values and Principles, please click one of the following links in Spanish, Portuguese, or English.



[ICCRP Valores y Principios \(Spanish\)](#) [CLICK HERE](#)

[ICCRP Valores e Princípios \(Portuguese\)](#) [CLICK HERE](#)

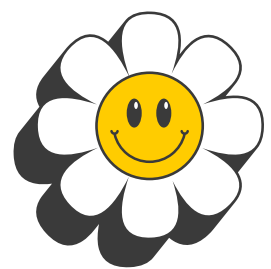
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Seven of the eight ICCRP Steering Committee Members of the ICCRP



Members of the ICCRP Intergenerational Advisory Committee and the children and young people's event chaperones



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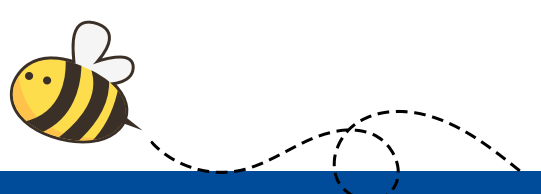


ICCRP Project Managers, Project Director, and Child and Youth Participant Coordinator



Members of the ICCRP's Conceptual Interconnections Working Group

Child and youth members of the Intergenerational Advisory Committee



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