



Key Themes

- ★ Children's rights in diverse contexts
- ★ Concepts of children's citizenship in diverse contexts and settings
- ★ Children and participation in diverse settings
- ★ Early childhood and children's participation, protection and provision rights

2009 is the 20th anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

2008 Testimonials

“ Thank you for organising a most inspirational conference. Keep up the great work.
– Conference delegate

“ Really good quality presentations that made me think and re-think my positioning in a number of areas.
–Conference delegate

“ All keynotes were absolutely inspirational and thought provoking on all fronts. They were all chosen very carefully which was most obvious – catering for varied interest.
– Conference delegate

“ I've attended nearly every conference that's been held – perhaps 6 or 7 of the 8. I can honestly say that this conference was the most enjoyable one!
– Conference delegate

Registration and Information

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Honoring the Child, Honoring
Equity 9: Children's rights in
research, policy and practice



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**Thursday 19 November -
Saturday 21 November 2009**

The University of Melbourne
Melbourne, Australia

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CEIEC Conference 2009

Call for Papers

The Call for Papers for the CEIEC 2009 Conference is now open. The deadline for submission of proposals is 16 June 2009.

We invite seminars, colloquia, workshops, learning circles and posters that explore the issues and questions that address the broad conference themes of the place of children's rights, human rights and equity throughout the early childhood and children's services field. Papers that explore these themes as they apply to pedagogies, practices, programs, policies, theories and research will be especially welcomed. We invite papers that share stories of hope, challenge and/or change in relation to these themes and that inspire others to work for change within their areas of responsibility in children's lives.

We invite proposal that explore the following questions:

- What difference does the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child make to children in diverse contexts?

- What does children's citizenship look like in different contexts and settings?
- How do we make a difference through children's participation in decision-making?
- How do issues of diversity, difference and identity intersect with children's rights to participation, protection and provision in early childhood?
- What issues has research raised around the challenges, tensions in enacting young children's rights in diverse contexts?

Honoring the Child, Honoring Equity Delegates

The conference attracts a diverse international audience and includes practitioners, policy-makers, researchers, trainers, children's advocates and activists. In 2008 the conference attracted delegates from several countries including Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Pakistan, Thailand, United Kingdom and the United States of America. Some delegates return annually, some will be attending for the first time.

Keynote Presenters

- **Hillevi Lenz Taguchi**
Associate Professor
Stockholm University, Sweden
- **Mercy M. Musomi**
Executive Director of Child Girl Network
Kenya
- **Patricia G Ramsey**
Professor
Mount Holyoke College, USA
- **Helen Penn**
Professor
University of East London, UK
- **Geraldine Atkinson**
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