



The Children's Studies Center



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In collaboration with the American Bar Association Center on Children and the Law, The Campaign for U.S. Ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), Covenant House Nineline, CUNY School of Law, ECPAT-USA, and the New York State Bar Association Committee on Children and the Law

Invitation to Attend the

Third Child Policy Forum of New York

IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING OF THE OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE U.N. CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD ON THE SALE OF CHILDREN, CHILD PROSTITUTION AND CHILD PORNOGRAPHY



DAY: FRIDAY
DATE: FEBRUARY 6, 2009
TIME: 1:00 – 5:00 P.M.
PLACE: CHURCH CENTER FOR
THE UNITED NATIONS
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The U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) is a human rights treaty created specifically to promote and protect the best interests and human rights of children worldwide. Since 1990, 193 countries have ratified the CRC. The U.S. and Somalia are the only two countries which have not ratified this historic treaty.

Although the U.S. has not ratified the CRC, it has ratified the *Optional Protocols to the CRC on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography (OPSC)* and the *Optional Protocol on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict (OPAC)* on 23 December 2002.

The U.S. has submitted an official report, which was discussed in Geneva in May/June 2008 with official recommendations by the U.N. Committee on the Rights of the Child. The recommendations and treaty obligations for implementation and monitoring will be the topic of our *Forum* with an emphasis on New York State.

Opening Remarks

Gertrud Lenzer -- Professor, Brooklyn College and the Graduate Center/CUNY

Director, Brooklyn College Children's Studies Program and Center/CUNY

Christoph M. Kimmich -- President, Brooklyn College/CUNY

William A. Tramontano -- Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Brooklyn College/CUNY

Kathryn Grant Madigan, Esq. -- Immediate Past President, New York State Bar Association

Speakers

Angela O. Burton, Esq. -- Associate Professor, CUNY School of Law

Howard Davidson, J.D. -- Executive Director of the ABA Center on Children and the Law

The Honorable Jeffrey Dinowitz -- New York State Assembly

Gertrud Lenzer -- Professor, Brooklyn College and the Graduate Center/CUNY

Director, Brooklyn College Children's Studies Program and Center/CUNY

Rachel Lloyd -- Executive Director, Girls Educational and Mentoring Services (GEMS)

Marta Santos Pais -- Director, UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre (Pending Final Confirmation)

The Honorable William A. Scarborough -- Chair of the Standing Committee on Children and Families,
New York State Assembly

Carol Smolenski -- Executive Director, ECPAT - USA

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