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MARGINS**



UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA

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**SYMPOSIUM ON
CHILD RIGHTS
IMPACT ASSESSMENT**



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The well-being of children is significantly influenced by government and institutional policies, legislation, the allocation of resources, programs and services, and administrative decisions. More than twenty years after the Convention on the Rights of the Child was adopted, building child-sensitive governance mechanisms that integrate children's interests into the decisions of all parts of government is gaining momentum in Canada and around the world. One approach that is increasing in practice is the systematic use of Child Rights Impact Assessment (CRIA) in policy development.

An international, multi-disciplinary symposium on CRIA is a unique opportunity to introduce and share emerging research and practice to improve outcomes for children.

The primary objectives of the symposium are to:

- 1** // Share knowledge and good practices in the development and implementation of CRIA, at all levels of government, domestically and internationally;
- 2** // Identify lessons and opportunities for the incorporation of CRIA into public policy processes;
- 3** // Develop a community of practice on CRIA to encourage ongoing multidisciplinary exchange.

CONFERENCE FEATURES



- Leading keynote speakers
- Q&A panel sessions
- Breakout workshop sessions
- Resource tables
- Informal reception
- Simultaneous Interpretation from English to French and French to English is provided for all (plenary) sessions on day one. Interpretation is provided for selected breakout workshops on day two (please refer to session information).

MORE INFORMATION



Access the symposium Discussion Paper and more information at [unicef.ca/childimpactsymposium](https://www.unicef.ca/childimpactsymposium)

REGISTRATION



- Register for this invitational symposium at [unicef.ca/childimpactsymposium](https://www.unicef.ca/childimpactsymposium) after March 15.
- Space is limited and registrations will be accepted until May 5 or until capacity is reached. A registration fee of \$75 CAD applies to participants and is required to register.
- Please register for your workshop selections at the symposium Registration Desk on May 14.





KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Rachel Hodgkin

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PANEL 1

**Child Rights Impact Assessment:
A tool for advancing children's
rights**

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PANEL 2

**Impact Assessments in Canada:
Lessons and congruencies**

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Almost every area of government policy and law affects children to some degree: consider the example of health, environmental, and economic legislation. As stated by the UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre, 'There is no such thing as a child-neutral economic policy.'



Standing Senate Committee on Human Rights, 2007

PANEL 3

**Child Rights Impact Assessment:
A growing global practice**

MARTIN SWAIN

Children, Young People and Families
Division, Department for Health, Social
Services and Children, Wales

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People, Scotland

DR. ELLEN DESMET

Human Rights Centre, Ghent University,
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PANEL 4

**Child Rights Impact Assessment
in Canada: Practices,
opportunities and entry points**

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of New Brunswick, Canada

More speakers to be confirmed.

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HOTEL INFORMATION



Participants may contact the following Ottawa hotel if they wish to book a block-reserved room(s) at the symposium rate of **\$99.99 CAD** (not including tax) **per night between May 12 and 16**. Rooms are available on a first-come, first-serve basis at our group rate until April 19. **Please advise the hotel that you are a participant for the “CHILD IMPACT SYMPOSIUM” to receive the hotel group rate.**

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