

## SECOND CIRCULAR – CALL FOR PAPERS



The Institute for Social Studies of the Science and Research Centre of the *University of Primorska* (Slovenia), *University of Vienna* (Austria), *University of Brighton* (United Kingdom), *The National Center for Scientific Research* (France) and *Slovene Philanthropy* (Slovenia) are organising an

## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

### *CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE ON THE MOVE: towards a more precise definition of their best interests*

The conference will be held in **Portorož** (Slovenia), on **19 and 20 November 2015**.

The Conference brings together the research community and professionals to discuss the ‘**best interests**’ concept by reference to **unaccompanied migrant children and youth**.

The aim of the Conference is to assess past developments, analyse current situations and explore issues concerning the best interests of unaccompanied migrant children and youth across jurisdictions. This will be done from a variety of perspectives, with attention being paid to social, cultural, legal, health, housing and other relevant aspects.

#### **Conference keynote speakers:**

**Prof. Ravi KS Kohli** (UK, University of Bedfordshire)

**Ms. Jyothi Kanics** (CH, University of Lucern, previously UNICEF) and

**Ms. Marina Uzelac** (SI, Slovene Philanthropy).

**The Scientific Board of the Conference:** *Mateja Sedmak (University of Primorska, Slovenia), Daniel Senovilla Hernández (National Center for Scientific Research , France), Marie-Bénédicte Dembour (University of Brighton, UK), Marina Uzelac (Slovene Philanthropy, Slovenia), Birgit Sauer (University of Vienna).*



## ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The main aim of this conference is to undertake an updated assessment on **how the best interests principle is being interpreted and implemented by State or local authorities dealing with unaccompanied migrant children and youth** at the different stages of their reception process, since their first identification to the determination of a durable solution. Along with denouncing potential violations of the BIC principle concerning migrant children and youth within the European context and beyond, a particular focus of the conference will be on spreading examples of good practice at national, regional or local levels. Disseminating theoretical models aiming to clarify the boundaries of the best interests notion applied to children migrating alone will be another key objective of the conference.

We therefore invite scholars and practitioners from different disciplines to submit a paper proposal on the theme of the conference, taking the form of a *title and one-page long abstract* (350–500 words). This, along with a completed **registration form**, must be sent to the Organizing Committee. The deadline for the abstracts and registration has been extended to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015. The feedback information will be sent by **31<sup>st</sup> July 2015**. The participation at the conference is **free of charge**.

The intention is to produce at least one book from the conference proceedings. Authors interested in having their paper published will be required to submit their revised manuscript by **18 January 2016**. The book editors will review the submissions received and select articles for the book. Were there scope for two publications, we shall look at proposing a special issue to the *Annales, Series Historia et Sociologia* scientific journal, ISSN: 1408-5348.

You can submit your abstract/paper [here](#).



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### ABOUT PORTOROŽ/PORTOROSE

Portorož is a small coastal town on the Adriatic. Its numerous hotels, restaurants, spas and casinos make it a popular tourist destination, and an excellent base for day trips and excursions further afield. Portorož is also a popular congress location. A visit to the nearby countryside, can color your day. The coastal towns of Piran, Izola and Koper are intertwined with narrow streets, leading to picturesque squares, encircled with mighty palaces. From the villages in hinterland, magnificent views of Istria open up, during spells of nice weather even Alps can be admired.

For more information, see: <http://www.portoroz.si/en/>.

### ACCOMMODATION

We recommend participants to book their accommodation at the St. Bernardin Resort, which is providing special rates for Conference Participants:

#### Grand Hotel Bernardin \*\*\*\*\*

	Prices in EUR (including VAT)
Single room	110 EUR
Double room	130 EUR

#### Hotel Histrion\*\*\*\*

	Prices in EUR (including VAT)
Single room	80 EUR
Double room	100 EUR

#### Hotel Vile Park \*\*\*

	Prices in EUR (including VAT)
Single room	60 EUR
Double room	95 EUR

Participants are invited to book their accommodation directly at the following address:

St. Bernardin Resort, d. d., Obala 2 6320 Portorož – Portorose

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F: +386 5 674 64 11 (Grand Hotel Bernardin) or + 386 5 695 20 08 (Hotel Histrion & Hotel Vile Park)

E-mail: [booking@bernardingroup.si](mailto:booking@bernardingroup.si)



## ACCESS

**By car:** highways from the directions of Ljubljana (the capital city of Slovenia), Trieste (Italy) and the main road from Pula (Croatia).

**By railway:** The Koper Railway Station is 15km from Portorož.

**By bus:** The Portorož bus stop is located at the heart of Portorož, at the Portorož Auditorium turnoff, near a grocer.

**By Air:** The Portorož touristic Airport is 6 km from the town of Portorož, international Ljubljana Jože Pučnik Airport 145 km, Ronchi Airport (Italy) 80 km, Venice Marco Polo Airport (Italy) 200 km.

## CONTACT PERSONS FOR THE CONFERENCE

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For more information about the conference, visit: <http://www.minasproject.eu/conference/>.



Conference will be organised in the scope of the international research project *“In whose best interests? Exploring unaccompanied minors’ rights through the lens of migration and asylum processes (MinAs)”*, co-funded by the PPUAM 2013 of the European Union.

