

INDEPENDENT SCHOLARS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (NSW CHAPTER)

ANNUAL SEMINAR

In collaboration with State Library of NSW

Metcalf Auditorium

14 September 12.30-4.30pm

'Spare the Rod': UN Convention on the Rights of the Child Thirty Years On



This year, 2019, marks the 30th anniversary of the adoption of the UN *Convention on the Rights of the Child* (CRC). The CRC incorporates all the general human rights set out in other UN treaties but also identifies particular rights that apply to children. These include rights to protection from exploitation and abuse, to be cared for and have a home, and to have a say in decisions which affect them. In this Seminar our eminent speakers outline what Australia has done to fulfil its obligations under the Convention and ask whether Australia is adequately protecting the rights of marginalised and indigenous children and hearing children's voices and views in making decisions which affect them.

Keynote Address:

The Glad Tomorrow? Human Rights and Children in Australia

Emeritus Professor Rosalind Croucher AM, President Australian Human Rights Commission

Seminar Papers:

The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child – a (lost) Opportunity for Marginalised Children

Dr Noam Peleg, Senior Lecturer, UNSW Law

The Path to Ratification: Australian Controversies over the Adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child

Dr Isobelle Barrett Meyering, Research Fellow, Department of Modern History, Politics and International Relations, Macquarie University

Panel Discussion: *Hearing the Voices of Children*

Dr Patricia Holt – Moderator

Dr Brooke Collins-Gearing, Lecturer, Newcastle University

Ms Elise Edmonds, Senior Curator, State Library of NSW



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