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at Geneva



*International Janusz Kor
Association*

*Międzynarodowe Stowar
im. Janusza Korczaka*



The Korczak Edu
in the spirit of Janusz Korczak

International Seminar
The Polish Jewish Pioneer on Children's Human Rights, Janusz
Korczak (1878-1942)
and **Children as Human Right's Defenders** according to
the
UN Convention on the Rights of the Child
September 9, 2023
in the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Poland to the United
Nations Office at Geneva

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Program

What Happens to Children in Wartime?

**“Yes children, there is no peace in the world. Many evil
deeds, many tears,
but there are also people helping each other, with kindness
and pity.”**

J.Korczak, The Hour is yet to Come, Mały Przegląd 29.11.1929

“Mom I don't Want War!” 1939-1945 Poland/2022 Ukraine

Art exhibition of children caught up in war
Will be displayed throughout the conference

10:00 - 10:30

Opening:

Zbigniew Czech – Ambassador, Permanent representative of Poland to UNOG

Ann Skelton – Chairperson, UN Committee on the Rights of the Child

Batia Gilad - Initiator of the Geneva International Seminar, Former IKA Chairperson

Marek Michalak – President, International Korczak Association

Daniel Halperin – Chairperson, The Swiss Friends of Dr. Janusz Korczak Association

Keilya Baer - Janusz Korczak Youth Literature Award 2023

Avi Tsur - Member of The Korczak Educational Center in Israel

10.30 – 11.00

Keynote speaker

Mikiko Otani – Former Chairperson of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child
Children as Rights Holders and Peacebuilders: Child Rights-Based Approach to Children and Armed Conflict

11:00 – 12:10

Panel I – Concern & suffering of children in WWII and the Holocaust moderator:

Agnieszka Witkowska-Krych – Poland
Janusz Korczak's cooperation with other social care institutions in the Warsaw Ghetto

Paweł Maliszewski - Poland
The plight of children in Treblinka II Extermination Camp

Karin Morrison - Australia
What Happens to Children in Wartime? Never Again?
Discussion

12:10 – 12:25 *Coffee break*

12:25 – 13:15 **Panel II – Dealing with the influence of war on children**

moderator:

Jonathan Levy – France

Children as advocates for justice or children as victims in conflict/post conflictual situations

Wioleta Danilewicz, Tomasz Prymak & Alicja Korzeniecka – Poland

How war changes children's perception of time? Reflections based on texts by Korczak

Discussion

13:15 – 14:15 **Lunch**

14:15 – 15:30 **Panel III - Children caught up in war**

moderator:

Philip Veerman – The Netherlands

Burning issues of International Law and Children of War

Buyukagha Mikayilov - Azerbaijan Republic

Let's give the children a war-free world

Mariya Prokopchuk – Ukraine

Russian crimes against children: specifics of the modern international conflict in Ukraine

Discussion

15:30 – 17:00 **Panel IV - Support for children caught up in a war**

moderator:

Veronique Aubert – Switzerland

Advancing Justice for Children

Anna Bystrzycka & Barbara Pospíšilová - Czech Republic

How can an educator support a child in preparing for challenging life situations?

Alicja Zielińska – Poland

Ukrainian Children in Polish Korczak's Primary School

Yossi Michal - Israel

"For you were a stranger in a foreign land..." (Exodus Chapter 2) Programs initiated for Implementation of Children's Rights by the Israeli Ministry of Education

Discussion

17:00 – 17:15

Coffee break

17.15 - 18.00

Panel V- Artistic expression of children in times of war

moderator:

Batya Brutin – Israel

Illustrated Testimonies of Children's Fate in the Holocaust and After

Discussion

18:00 – 18:15

Closure



Sofiia, 15 years old, Korosten (Ukraine)

Drawing from the exhibition, entitled

'Mom, I do not want war!'

1939-45 POLAND / 2022 UKRAINE Polish-Ukrainian
archival project