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International Janusz Korczak
Association

Międzynarodowe Stowarzyszenie
im. Janusza Korczaka



The Korczak Education Center
in the spirit of Janusz Korczak and Stefa Wilczyńska

International Seminar
The Polish Jewish Pioneer on Children's Human Rights, Janusz Korczak (1878-1942)
and **Children as Human Rights 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 Mikayilli - 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**

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Panel V- Artistic expression of children in times of war

moderator:

Gal Harmat – Israel

Exploring Peace, Militarization, and Child Rights: A Participatory Study of Public Sculptures

Batya Brutin – Israel

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

Discussion

18:00 – 18:15

Closure



Artist: Sofiia, 15 years old, Korosten (Ukraine)