



# CHILD PROTECTION IN TRANSNATIONAL SETTINGS: EMPIRICAL PERSPECTIVES

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## NOS-HS WORKSHOP SERIES: TRANSNATIONAL CHILDHOODS, TRANSNATIONAL RIGHTS? NORDIC RESPONSES TO GLOBAL CHALLENGES IN THE FIELD OF CHILD PROTECTION

### BACKGROUND

Transnational interaction and mobility generate new social relations that sometimes pose challenges to the protection of children. Transnational relations and social spheres provide resources for families as well as sources of identity and belonging, but the transnational element may also contribute to power imbalances within families, adding to the hardships of the less powerful family members. Children may travel with their families, re-locate within institutional care across borders, or end up in circumstances that endanger their well-being and rights. Reflecting this reality, the number of transnational child protection cases handled by the Nordic authorities has increased in recent years.

This workshop series, funded by the NOS-HS programme, will bring together actors from diverse sectors of research, social services, governance and civil society in order to increase knowledge exchange between Nordic practitioners and researchers working in the field of child protection and children's rights.

The workshop series hosts its **first workshop in Oslo**, with a focus on **empirical perspectives to problems that children may face in transnational settings**. The other two workshops in the series will focus on the **intersections of transnational childhoods and religion** (Uppsala, autumn 2022) and **law** (Helsinki, May 2023).

### ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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### INVITATION & CALL FOR PAPERS

Despite the topicality of the theme, the field of transnational child protection remains insufficiently studied. This workshop in Oslo opens the workshop series and seeks to bring together researchers and practitioners working in this field.

As the phenomena covered by the theme are numerous, we hope for contributions that will shed light on different aspects and cases falling into this category. We aim to establish a network of researchers and practitioners who in their work tackle issues pertain to children's well-being, protection and/or rights; and that in one way or another include a transnational or cross-border element.

We hope to promote early-career research and capacity building, and therefore encourage PhD candidates to submit papers.

We aim at organizing a physical event. If travel restrictions are imposed, or if many of those who would wish to participate can only do so online, a hybrid also including online presentations will be considered.

### PRACTICAL INFORMATION

The workshop will take place on 20-21 January 2022 at Oslo Metropolitan University, Conference Center, Pilestredet 46, Oslo.

### WEBSITE

<https://uefconnect.uef.fi/tutkimusryhma/transnational-childhoods-transnational-rights/>

**Paper submissions should be made by 21 June 2021 on**

<https://easychair.org/my/conference?conf=cpt2021>

We ask you to kindly provide:

- Title of the paper & abstract of up to 300 words (optional)
- Contact details
- Brief biography
- Indication whether you wish to participate live or online

We will respond to all submissions by 31 August 2021.