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Introducing the Georgetown University Collaborative on Global Children's Issues

Greetings to you on World Children's Day!

November 20 marks the adoption of the [Convention on the Rights of the Child](#), the most widely ratified human rights treaty in the world. And even as we join the global community in celebrating children and their rights today, we are starkly aware that we sit in Washington, DC, the seat of the only government in the world that has yet to ratify the Convention.

Meanwhile, the world is currently host to the largest child and youth population in history, with 90% living in less developed countries and disproportionately affected by poverty, poor health, unemployment, violence, and exclusion. Children are facing increased poverty, entrenched inequality, and other pressing concerns, including climate change, conflict, displacement, social injustice, and political instability. Young people bear the brunt of these difficulties in their daily lives and will inevitably inherit all of the problem-solving these challenges require.

We believe that those who are closest to the challenges are also closest to the solutions. Children and youth are important partners in problem-solving. Creating opportunities for young people to share their views and experiences in research, policy, and practice is not only their right (see [Article 12 of the Convention](#)) — it is critical to their resilience. The evidence shows that investing in children, youth, and caregivers across the life-course is a primary means of achieving sustainable human, social, and economic development, all of which are vital to ensuring international peace and security.

Georgetown University launched the [Collaborative on Global Children's Issues](#) to foster interdisciplinary research and dialogue on critical and emerging challenges affecting children around the world, with a particular focus on children in adversity and pathways to resilience. We are called to be partners who intentionally:

- Create opportunities that are child-centered
- Ground our initiatives in the lived experiences of children, their families, and communities
- Respond to current and emerging needs and be useful to actors working in a variety of contexts and capacities to meet them
- Prioritize evidence-informed and solutions-oriented approaches
- Build effective bridges between stakeholders involved in practice, policy, and research

Rooted in our deep commitment to the common good, we invite you to join us in centering children here at Georgetown, in Washington, DC, and with partners around the world.

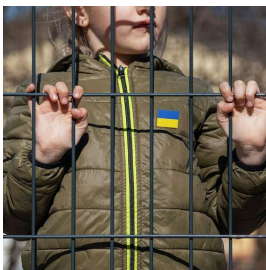
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[The forum on Faith and the Family: Propagating and Preventing Child-Family Separation across Time and Context](#)



[Children on the Move](#)



[The Forcible Transfer and Deportation of Ukrainian Children by Russia](#)



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