International Conference
Prato, Tuscany
7-10 September, 2009

Children and the Law
International approaches to children and their vulnerabilities

www.med.monash.edu.au/socialwork/conference09
Dear Colleague,

We are delighted to invite you to attend our international conference which will bring together researchers, practitioners and policy contributors to examine new and emerging vulnerabilities of children in the twenty-first century. The rights and best interests of children are confronted by emerging social challenges: child refugees, children escaping war and trauma, child victimisation such as children as soldiers and the pervasiveness of child sexual abuse, as well as children harmed by abuse and family breakdown. Attention also needs to be paid to children with special needs, including concerns about health issues, sexual identity and family violence. Young people are increasingly being drawn into the justice system, and it is clear that increasing sanctions is not effective and does little to alleviate their marginalisation. Systems that respond to children and young people at risk of harm and national frameworks need to be reshaped to reflect the rights and best interests of all such children.

The conference will take place at the Monash University Centre in Prato, in the magnificent 18th century Palazzo Vaj, just twenty minutes from Florence, Italy. The programme will give particular attention to the themes of: the protection of children under the law, in child welfare and family law; children as citizens and their vulnerability, including: indigenous children and the global movement of children as refugees, child trafficking, child soldiers; youth justice; and family and health impacts on children.

The conference will offer a considerable opportunity for cross-national dialogue, with emphasis on panel and round-table presentations. In addition, individual paper presentations that address conference themes will be incorporated into the programme. You are invited to submit a conference abstract that relates to the conference themes.

There will be a Welcome Reception on the evening of the first day, Monday 7 September, with the Official Conference Dinner to be held on Wednesday evening, 9 September, at the Villa Artimino, an historic Medici Villa. On Tuesday 8 September, a mediaeval festival and night parade will be celebrated in Prato, honouring the Virgin Mary. Surrounding towns also participate, with flag throwers, soldiers and horses representing the period dressed in mediaeval costumes. This day’s celebrations will include entertainment by groups of musicians and townspeople moving around Prato’s various piazzas.

We extend an invitation to you to join us in Prato for what promises to be a great conference. We very much look forward to seeing you there.

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Cancellations & Refund of Registration Fees
All cancellations must be notified in writing to the Conference Manager.
Cancellations received:
Before 30 June 2009 will incur a cancellation fee of AU$100.00
After 30 June 2009 will receive a 50% refund of total registration fees paid
No refund shall be issued for cancellations received after 31 July 2009

Disclaimer
The information contained in this brochure is true and accurate according to the details available at the time of printing. The organisers reserve the right to delete or alter items where necessary.
Taking its name from the Italian word for meadow, Prato has long been a successful commercial centre and is now the third largest city in Tuscany, after Florence and Livorno. It has been a major centre for textiles since the early Middle Ages, and now provides three quarters of all woollen cloth exported by Italy.

Prato’s beautiful historic centre contains medieval and Renaissance buildings of great significance, including the Basilica di Santa Maria delle Carceri, designed by Giuliano da Sangallo, and the palace built by the famous merchant Francesco Datini. Prato also contains the Luigi Pecci Museum of Contemporary Art which is housed in an ultra modern (1987) complex planned by Italo Ciamverini.

A mere 20 minutes from Prato, is the capital city of the region of Tuscany, Florence. Founded by Julius Caesar in the 1st Century BC, Florence is a world cultural centre in terms of art, architecture, intellectualism and Renaissance. The city is renowned for its wonderful museums which contain some of Michelangelo’s most famous works. Historic buildings include Il Duomo, the enormous domed cathedral designed by Brunelleschi in the 15th Century, and the Pitti Palace, and galleries such as the Uffizi Gallery and the Accademia Gallery house collections of Italian and foreign art dating from the Middle Ages through the Renaissance and beyond.

Conference Venue
The conference will be held at the stately 18th Century Palazzo Vaj. This wonderfully restored building with a beautiful open-air terrazo is surrounded by medieval towers and provides the location for Monash University in Prato.

For further information:
http://www.ita.monash.edu/
www.prato.turismo.toscana.it/
Professor James R. P. Ogloff, JD, Ph.D., FAPS is a psychologist and Fellow of the Canadian, American, and Australian psychological societies. He is the Foundation Professor of Clinical Forensic Psychology at Monash University and Director of the Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science. He is also Director of Psychological Services at the Victorian Institute of Forensic Mental Health (Forensicare). He has worked in clinical and forensic psychology in a variety of settings with adults and children for 25 years. He is the Chair of the College of Forensic Psychologists of the Australian Psychological Society, President of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Psychiatry, Psychology and Law, and President of the Division of Psychology and Law for the International Association of Applied Psychology. Professor Ogloff has, amongst other studies, researched the mental health outcomes for children who have been victims of maltreatment, which may also lead them into the criminal justice system.
# Program

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**MONDAY 7 SEPT**

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| 9:30 – 10:30am| Keynote Address: Dr Danya Glaser  
| 10:30 – 11:00am | MORNING TEA                                                             |
| 11:00am – 1:00pm | Paper Presentations  
Roundtable Sessions                                                 |
| 1:00 – 2:00pm | LUNCH                                                                    |
| 2:00 – 3:00pm | Keynote Address: His Honour Judge Andrew Beecroft  
Turning a Young Offender into an Adult Criminal.                        |
| 3:00 – 5:30pm | Roundtable Session: Judge Paul Grant  
The Koori Court: Youth Justice within the Community.                    |

At your leisure:
*Enjoy the mediaeval festival and evening parade in Prato - in honour of the Virgin’s Girdle (Belt)*

**TUESDAY 8 SEPT**

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| 9:00 - 10:00am| Keynote Address: Prof Phil Scraton  
Children and their Human Rights: Responding to Victims of War and Trauma. |
| 10:00 – 10:30am | MORNING TEA                                                             |
| 10:30am – 1:00pm | Paper Presentations  
Roundtable Sessions                                                 |
| 1:00 – 2:00pm | LUNCH                                                                    |
| 2:00 – 3:00pm | Presentation: Dr Ian Kronborg  
Addiction and Victimisation of Children.                               |
| 3:00 – 5:00pm | Paper Presentations  
Roundtable Sessions                                                 |

At your leisure:
*Official Conference Dinner - Villa Artimino*

**WEDNESDAY 9 SEPT**

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| 9:00 - 10:00am| Keynote Address: Prof Gary Melton  
De-emphasizing the Law: Toward a Child Protection System that Works.   |
| 10:00 – 10:30am | MORNING TEA                                                             |
| 10:30am – 1:00pm | Paper Presentations  
Roundtable Sessions                                                 |
| 1:00 – 2:00pm | LUNCH                                                                    |
| 2:00 – 3:00pm | Presentation: Prof Margaret Alston  
Trafficking Children and Sexual Victimisation.                          |
| 3:00 – 5:00pm | Paper Presentations  
Roundtable Sessions                                                 |

At your leisure:
*The Legal and Clinical Sequelae of Child Sexual Abuse.*

**THURSDAY 10 SEPT**

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| 9:00 - 10:00am| Keynote Address: Prof Jim Ogloff  
The Legal and Clinical Sequelae of Child Sexual Abuse.   |
| 10:00 – 10:30am | MORNING TEA                                                             |
| 10:30am – 1:00pm | Roundtable Session: Dr Teresa Flower  
Fitness to Plead in Children.                                         |
| 1:00 – 2:00pm | LUNCH                                                                    |
| 2:00 – 3:00pm | Paper Presentations  
Roundtable Sessions                                                 |
| 3:00 – 4:00pm | Plenary: Prof Thea Brown  
FAREWELL DRINKS – 4:00pm                                               |
| 5:00pm         | Close of conference                                                       |

Sunday 6 Sept: 4:00-6:00pm
Registration - Foyer, Monash Centre, Palazzo Vaj
The conference is organized around a number of themes (as per the list below), and we invite abstracts for oral papers which address any one of these issues:

- The protection of children under the law, in child welfare and family law
- Children as citizens and their vulnerability: including indigenous children and the global movement of children, as refugees, child soldiers, and child trafficking
- Youth justice
- Family and health impacts on children.

Abstracts should not exceed 250 words.
We invite submission of abstracts from 31 October 2008.
The deadline for submission of abstracts is 30 April 2009.
Notification of acceptance of the abstract will be emailed or posted within four weeks of receipt of the submitted abstract.

Accepted abstracts will be published in the Conference Proceedings Book.

The official language of the conference is English. All abstracts should be submitted and presentations delivered in English.

Abstracts should include the following:
Author/s details: Full Name, Postal Address, Email, Telephone, Organisation, Title of Paper, Conference Theme being addressed.

Please submit your abstract online to:

http://www.med.monash.edu.au/socialwork/conference09

All presenters must register and pay the full conference registration fee before the early registration deadline, to ensure inclusion in the final program.

NB: Presenters are responsible for the transport and storage of their presentation materials. The Conference staff cannot receive or store materials, so please DO NOT forward them to the registration desk. We cannot accept responsibility for your materials or their transportation.
## Personal Details

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☐ Yes  ☐ No

I will be attending the Welcome Cocktail Party (Palazzo Vaj Terrace, 7 Sept 6:30-8:00pm)  
☐ Yes  ☐ No

I will / will not be accompanied by a guest to the Welcome Cocktail Party (at an additional cost of AU$50 per person)  
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**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**

| DEL 1 Early Bird Registration (before 31 July, 2009) . . . . . AU$825.00 | ☐  | Late Registration (after 31 July, 2009) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . AU$950.00 | ☐  |
| DEL 2 Early Bird Registration (before 31 July, 2009) . . . . . AU$825.00 | ☐  | Late Registration (after 31 July, 2009) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . AU$950.00 | ☐  |
| Conference Dinner (OPTIONAL) - Villa Artimino, 9 Sept 7:30pm . | AU$130.00 per person (includes bus transfers). | ☐  | No. of Dinner Tickets required (specify). | ☐  |

Special dietary needs: ☐ vegetarian ☐ other (please specify)

NB: Cost of DELEGATE attendance at the Welcome Cocktail Party on 7 September is included in the registration fee, however, partners and guests are also welcome at an additional cost of AU$50.00 per person. Accommodation and airfares are NOT included in the conference registration fee.

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**REGISTRATION PAYMENT DETAILS**

☐ Cheque made payable to ‘Monash University’  OR  
Card Payment: ☐ VISA ☐ Mastercard ☐ American Express

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Please send your completed registration form with payment (in Australian dollars) to:  
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Building 1, 270 Ferntree Gully Rd, Notting Hill, Victoria 3168 Australia  OR  Fax: +61 3 8575 2233

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**DELEGATE ENTITLEMENTS**

Fully registered DELEGATES are entitled to access:  
- All conference proceedings  
- Lunches, morning & afternoon teas  
- Conference Abstracts Book & Satchel  
- Welcome Cocktail Party (7 Sept).  
NB: The Dinner at the Villa in Artimino is OPTIONAL and an ADDITIONAL COST of AU$130.00 per person.
Travel Information

Australians Studying Abroad (ASA)

Australians Studying Abroad (ASA), celebrated 30 years in 2007, and is the licensed travel agent appointed to arrange travel for delegates and their partners wishing to attend the Children and the Law Conference based in Prato in 2009.

Group Travel Arrangements include:
• Competitive Economy class airfares flying Singapore Airlines;
• Accommodation at the Hotel Flora, Hotel Giardino, or the Art Hotel Milano in Prato;
• A limited number of mini-apartments are also available at the Residence Manassei in Prato;
• Rail travel between Rome Airport and Prato.

Early Bird Airfare Option:
During November, December and January each year, airlines generally offer a discount on air travel to Europe in the following year. The discount is often substantial, however, you must book your round trip dates and pay for the airfare during this period. Please contact ASA for further conditions.

Pre- and Post-Travel Options include:
• A range of accommodation options throughout Italy and Europe (including Rome, Florence & Venice), and a variety of day excursions and tours to regions of Italy including the Amalfi Coast, Sicily and Northern Italy;
• Car hire and villa rental options;

Day tours while based in Prato:
• A range of half-day and full-day excursions in Florence and neighbouring towns (Siena, San Gimignano & Pisa) are available. All these tours start in Florence. Please contact ASA if you are interested to receive further information.

ASA’s website - www.asatours.com.au contains:
• A detailed description of all accommodation options in Prato (including location map and hyperlinks to the hotels’ websites).
• Flight options with Singapore Airlines – including airfare prices and flight schedules
• Other pre- or post-travel options
• Applicable Booking Forms

Travellers not taking the group travel arrangements:
If you require alternative airfares or additional travel arrangements, please remember that ASA will be pleased to assist you!

Please Note: September corresponds with High/Shoulder Season in Europe, demand for accommodation and air travel is therefore very high. We ask all travellers to begin organizing their travel arrangements as soon as possible (preferably to be completed by the end of February 2009).

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