



# THEORY, RESEARCH AND PRACTICE IN EUROPEAN CONTEXT

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**Venue:** Campus Hybernska, Charles University, Hybernska 4, Prague 1, Czech Republic

**Organisers:** Charles University  
Dept. of Psychology and Life Sciences, Faculty of Humanities  
Institute of Communication Studies and Journalism, Faculty of Social Sciences  
Institute of Czech Language and Theory of Communication, Faculty of Arts



MENTORING  
Encounter

H2020-MSCA-ST-IF-2020 Project no. 101027291 Encounter: Experiences of Youth in Natural Mentoring Relationships  
Faculty of Humanities, Charles University in Prague, the Czech Republic

## KEYNOTES

- **Prof. Michal Molcho** Dean of the School of Education and co-founder of Dept. of Children's Studies, University of Galway, Ireland
- **Prof. Kay Tisdall** Professor of Childhood Policy at the University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom
- **Prof. Marek Tesar** Head of the School of Learning Development and Professional Practice, Faculty of Education and Social Work, University of Auckland, Aotearoa/New Zealand
- **Dr. Lenka Vochocova** Lecturer and researcher in communication, media studies and youth, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University, Czech Republic

## CONFERENCE THEMES

The conference contributes to the current discussion and further development on a child-centred perspective in the field of Childhood/Children's studies in the EU and the Czech context. A critique of the adult-centred theory and research methods argues since 1990s that children and young people in traditional discourses are considered by adults as incompetent in their skills before developing into fully respectable adults. The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UN CRC) questions the implementation of children's rights in children's daily encounters with social institutions, such as family, education and schools, social services, health services, law institutes etc. The child-centred perspective aims to acknowledge, address and empower children's voice while considering children as active social agents with their experiences and perspectives that are relevant for society. In this perspective, the conference will discuss the following themes:

1. Child-centred theory, concepts and research methods
2. Children, UN CRC, social disadvantages, institutions and services
3. Children, play & imagination
4. Children & Space
5. Children & Media

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