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**SYLVIA ANN HEWLETT**

Sylvia Ann Hewlett was born in Pyle, a mining village in South Wales. She attended Cambridge University and won a Kennedy Scholarship to Harvard University. She went on to complete her Ph.D. in Economics at London University in 1973. She was Assistant Professor of Economics at Barnard College, Columbia University and Executive Director of the Economic Policy Council, a think tank of business and labor leaders based in Manhattan chaired by Robert O. Anderson (Chairman and CEO, Atlantic Richfield Co.) and Douglas A. Fraser (President, United Auto Workers).

Sylvia Ann Hewlett is the author of a number of books including, *A Lesser Life* (1986), *When the Bough Breaks* (1991) winner of three national awards including a Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Book Prize, and *The War Against Parents* (1998), co-written with Cornel West.

In 1993, she founded the National Parenting Association, a non-profit organization committed to giving parents a voice in the policy arena. The movement is dedicated to putting the needs of mothers and fathers at the top of the national agenda. She is currently the Chairman of the Association. In 1999-2000, she was awarded a fellowship by the Center for the Study of Values in Public Life at the Harvard Divinity School.

**RASHMI MAYUR**

Born in India, Dr. Rashmi Mayur is the Director of the International Institute for Sustainable Future, International Advisor to the United Nations for Developing Countries and President of the People's Global Assembly of the United Nations. He was a member of the Organizing Committee for the Millennium Program which was discussed at the United Nations Millennium meeting on "Children and the Future" in May, 2000 during the 10th Anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of Children. His professional path leads him around the world for the sake of humanity and the environment. Dr. Mayur's expertise is much sought after as an advisor for implementing policies in different countries.

Former graduate of New York University, Dr. Mayur is a member of numerous national and international organizations which have in sight urban development, science and technologies and welfare.

As a worldwide renowned speaker, through his teaching and many conferences, he has helped develop a rising concern in improving our physical, social and human environment.

**LINDA MCQUAIG**

Journalist and best-selling author Linda McQuaig has developed a reputation for challenging the establishment. Winner of a National Newspaper Award, she has been a staff writer for *The Globe and Mail*, *The Toronto Star* and *Maclean's Magazine*. For the past five years, she has done a regular bi-weekly commentary on politics and economics, which airs on CBC Radio morning shows in most Canadian cities. She also writes a bi-weekly column in *The National Post*.

In 1991, she was awarded an Atkinson Fellowship for Journalism in Public Policy to study the social welfare systems in Europe and North America. That research became the foundation for her 1993 bestseller, *The Wealthy Banker's Wife: The Assault on Equality in Canada*. She is also the author of *Behind Closed Doors: How the Rich Won Control of Canada's Tax System*, and *The Quick and the Dead: Brian Mulroney, Big Business and the Seduction of Canada*.

In her 1995 best-seller, *Shooting the Hippo: Death by Deficit and Other Canadian Myths*, she traced the real story behind the deficit, and showed how social spending has been falsely blamed. Her most recent book, *The Cult of Impotence*, refutes the popular notion that governments are powerless in the global economy to deliver full employment and well-funded social programs.

**WILLIAM ROWE**

Dr. William Rowe is Director of the Centre for Applied Family Studies and Director of the School of Social Work at McGill University. Dr. Rowe has held professorships at McGill, Memorial University and the University of Western Ontario. He has worked extensively in the fields of social work education, child welfare, corrections, health and HIV/AIDS. He has provided training and lectures at agencies and universities throughout Canada, the United States, New Zealand, Europe, Indonesia and the Middle East.

Dr. Rowe's current research activities include family violence, AIDS prevention, care and curriculum development and health care outcomes. He serves on numerous boards and on international, national and provincial Advisory Committees.

Dr. Rowe has authored/edited numerous books, articles and research reports including: *Children and Violence: Our Individual, Family and Collective Responsibilities*, Fourth International Conference on the Child, Organization for the Protection of Children's Rights (O.P.C.R.), Montreal 2000; *Social Work and Globalization, Le travail social et la mondialisation, Trabajo Social y Globalizacion*, Canadian Social Work Review, 2000; *Social Work and HIV: The Canadian Experience* (1998), *Client-Centred Theory: A Person-Centred Approach* (1996); *A Collaborative Approach for the Investigation of Child Sexual Abuse* (1996); and *Sex, Drugs & HIV: Canadian Medical Education Responding to Diversity* (1996). Dr. Rowe is editor of the *Canadian Social Work Journal*.

**THE HONORABLE LISE THIBAUT**

Lise Thibault was born in Saint-Roch-de-l'Achigan on April 2, 1939, and was a student at the Saint-Jérôme Normal School. Later, as a mother, she became involved in school committees, founded the Femmes d'aujourd'hui women's club and taught in adult education, before becoming a television host for social and family oriented programs on the Télé-Métropole and Radio-Canada networks. Her commitment to society has taken the form of active involvement in many community, cultural, political and social activities. Her high-profile public life, constant efforts to improve the well-being of her fellow citizens and ability to communicate have made her a much sought-after guest speaker.

Lise Thibault first became involved in public affairs in Québec as a member of the commission established by the Québec Department of Education to oversee the language of instruction, and as the Provincial President of Canada Day Celebrations. She later became Vice-President for Relations with Beneficiaries at the Québec Occupational Health and Safety Commission and President and Director General of the Québec Bureau for the Handicapped. During the same period, Lise Thibault sat on various boards of directors, including those of the Québec Rental Board and the Canadian Red Cross.

On January 30, 1997, Lise Thibault was sworn in as the 27th Lieutenant Governor of Québec, the first woman ever to hold the office. In addition to performing her administrative and protocolary duties, she has pursued the goal of bringing society closer together. With her unequalled opportunities for observing and challenging society, she has devoted all her energy to serving her fellow citizens throughout Québec, communicating her enthusiasm by speaking out for new approaches, and ensuring that all forms of communication are given a hearing.

She has been awarded a Medal from the Édouard-Montpetit Foundation of the Faculty of Social, Economic and Political Science at the University of Montreal, as well as an Honorary Doctorate in Law from Concordia University. She also received the degree of Doctor of Civil Law (*Honoris causa*) from Bishop's University. She is a Dame of Justice in the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem.

**LIST OF SPEAKERS**

<b>SPEAKER'S NAME</b>	<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>WORKSHOP N° / PLENARY</b>	<b>SPEAKER'S NAME</b>	<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>WORKSHOP N° / PLENARY</b>
Ana Rojas Acosta	Brazil	101	Sharon Hope Irwin	Canada	205 & 405
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Madeleine Beaudry	Canada	102	Renata Maria Coimbra Liborio	Brazil	104
Deepak Kumar Behera	India	304	Huawei Ma	China	101
Céline Bellot	Canada	206	Annie Mailloux	Canada	504
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Garfield A. Brown	South Africa	205	Monica Michetti	Italy	105
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08:30 – 10:00 **Plenary** (Simultaneous Translation)

Conference Opening

Keynote Address : **Linda McQuaig, B.A.**  
Journalist and Best-Selling Author  
*"Child Poverty: The Problem That Could Go Away"*

Child poverty has become so familiar in recent years that many have come to regard it as an inevitable reality in the global economy. But Linda McQuaig argues that we have the resources to dramatically reduce – and even eliminate – child poverty here in Canada. And there is popular support for such efforts. Our failure to make serious inroads against child poverty is mostly due to strong resistance on the part of the corporate world, which is insisting on tax cuts over social spending.

10:00 – 10:20 **Coffee Break**

10:30 – 12:00 **Workshops: Group 100**

101 – Educational Programs (English)

Moderator: **Peter Allik Petersenn**

- **Denise Neri Blanes, M.S.W.**  
Researcher, Special Studies Institute of the Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo and
- **Ana Rojas Acosta, D.S.W.**  
Professor, Special Studies Institute of the Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo  
São Paulo, Brazil  
*"Evaluation of the Politics Projects: Program of Children's Work Eradication – PETI"*
- **Guoan Yue, M.A.**  
Professor, Department of Sociology  
Director, Center of Psychological Studies  
Nankai University  
Tianjin, China and
- **Huawei Ma, M.A.**  
Center of Research and Training  
Tianjin Electric Power Corp.  
Tianjin, China  
*"Research on the Educational Situation and Development Strategies of Depressed Areas in China: Enlightenment from the 'Project Hope'"*
- **Leslie Casely-Hayford, Ph.D.**  
Associate Researcher, Center for Social Policy Studies  
University of Ghana  
Accra-North, Ghana  
*"Child Poverty in Ghana: The Social Impact of Child Poverty on Educational Attainment in Southern and Northern Ghana: Myth or Reality?"*



102 – Marital Breakdown and Poverty (English and French)

Moderator: **Dominic D'Abate**

- **Despina Vassiliou, M.A.**  
Doctoral candidate for School/Applied Developmental Psychology  
McGill University and
- **Nancy Marget, M.A.**  
Doctoral candidate for School/Applied Developmental Psychology  
McGill University  
Montréal, Quebec, Canada  
*"Divorce: Children as Weapons"*

102 – Marital Breakdown and Poverty (English and French) (cont'd)

- **Madeleine Beaudry, Ph.D.**  
Professor, School of Social Work  
Université Laval and
- **Marie Jacob, Ph.D.**  
Researcher, Research Center on Community Services  
Université Laval and
- **Marie Simard, Ph.D.**  
Professor, School of Social Work  
Université Laval  
Quebec, Quebec, Canada  
*"Maintaining Bonds with a Parent Within the Framework of a Supervised Visits Program: What do the Children Think?"*
- **Maria Stergiou, M.A.**  
Doctoral Candidate  
Department of Educational and Counselling Psychology  
McGill University  
Montreal, Quebec, Canada  
*"Parental Alienation Syndrome and Child Poverty"*



103 – Early Intervention Programs (English and French)

- **Judith A. Chafel, Ph.D.**  
Professor, School of Education  
Indiana University  
Bloomington, Indiana, U.S.A.  
*"Head Start: Funding a High-Quality Early Intervention Program for Young Children and Families in Poverty"*
- **Manon Gasse, B.Sc.**  
Early Childhood Care Nurse and
- **Jean-Pierre Héту, M.Ps.**  
Community Organizer, CLSC Le Partage des Eaux  
Rouyn-Noranda, Quebec, Canada  
*"To Be Born Equal and Grow Healthy"*
- **Judi Varga-Toth, M.A.**  
National Programmes Manager, Family Service Canada  
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada  
*"Families and Schools Together Canada Programme Description"*

104 – Sexual Exploitation of Children (English)

Moderator: **Stéphane Hébert**

- **Jane Rudd, Ph.D.**  
Associate Professor, Social Work Department  
Saint Joseph College  
West Hartford, Connecticut, U.S.A.  
*"An Economic, Political and Gender Analysis of Trafficking of Women in Ukraine"*
- **Renata Maria Coimbra Libório, M.A.**  
Professor, Psychology  
Universidade Estadual Paulista  
Presidente Prudente, São Paulo, Brazil  
*"Child Sexual Exploitation in São Paulo, Brazil"*
- **Kishore Chandra Ramgoolam**  
Social Worker  
Quatre Cocos, Mauritius  
*"Sexual Exploitation of Children and Street Children in Mauritius"*

## SCHEDULE

### 105 – Poverty and Health Issues (English)

Modérateur: **Joanne Roulston**

- **Professor Ferdinando Di Orio, M.D.**  
Ordinario di Metodologia Epidemiologica Clinica and
- **Vincenza Cofini, Ph.D.**  
Dottore di Ricerca in Statistica Medica e Metodologia Epidemiologica Clinica and
- **Monica Michetti, M.Sc.**  
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- **Anna Maria Angelone, Ph.D.**  
Cattedra di Metodologia Epidemiologica Clinica  
Facoltà di Medicina – Università degli Studi d'Aquila  
L'Aquila, Italy  
*"Poor Children and Italian Health Services: Policies of Intervention. The Case of Abruzzo, a Region Located in a Country that Adopts a 'Universal' Health System"*

- **Dawn Walker, R.N.**  
Executive Director, Canadian Institute of Child Health  
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada  
*"Income and Inequities Effects on the Health and Well-Being of Children and their Families According to The Health of Canada's Children: A CICH Profile 3<sup>rd</sup> edition"*

### 106 – Taxation, Social Welfare Policies (English)

Modérateur: **Laurel Rothman**

- **Yeong-Tsy Wang, Ph.D.**  
Associate Professor, Department of Social Work  
Fu-Jen Catholic University  
Hsinchuang, Taiwan  
*"Economic Insecurity and Living Conditions Among Families with Children in Taiwan"*

### 107 – Father/Child Relationships in Disadvantaged Environments (English)

- **Carl Lacharité, Ph.D.**  
Professor, Psychology  
Director of the GREDEF  
Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières  
*"Understanding Fathers from Disadvantaged Environments"*
- **Sarah Dufour, Ph.D.**  
Research Coordinator  
Centre of Excellence for Child Welfare  
Institute of Research for Social Development of Children and Youth (IRDS)  
*"The Contribution of Fathers from Disadvantaged Neighbourhoods to Their Children's Mental Health"*

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 15:00 Plenary (Simultaneous Translation)

Keynote Address: **Sylvia Ann Hewlett, Ph.D.**  
Founder and Chairman  
National Parenting Association, U.S.A.  
*"Empowering Parents and Reweaving the Web of Care"*

Why are hundreds of thousands of American children failing to thrive? At the heart of our children's plight is an erosion of the parental role – of the ability of moms and dads to look after their children. This is happening not because parents are less devoted than they used to be. They do not love their children less. The truth is the world seems to be pitted against them. Big business, government and the wider culture have waged a silent war against parents, undermining the work that they do.

This talk will address the critical challenge of how to give new support and honor to parents so that they can come through for their children.

15:00 – 15:20 Coffee Break

15:30 – 17:00 Workshops: Group 200

### 201 – Educational Programs (English and French)

Moderator: **William Rowe**

- **Sami Al-Kilani, M.A., M.S.W.**  
Director, Community Service Center  
An-Najab National University  
Nablus, Palestine  
*"Community Supportive Education: A Program to Help Children of Disadvantaged Families Overcome Learning Difficulties Due to Socio-Economic Conditions"*

- **Nicole Lebrun, Ph.D.**  
Professor, Department of Science Education  
University of Quebec in Montreal  
Montreal, Quebec, Canada  
*"Globalization and Poverty and Basic Education in Some Countries of the World"*

### 202 – Programs for Teens and Young Mothers (English and French)

Moderator: **Dominic D'Abate**

- **E. Jane Irons, Ed.D.**  
Associate Professor of Special Education  
External Program Evaluator  
Texas Woman's University  
Denton, Texas, U.S.A. and
- **Phyllis Simpson, Ph.D.**  
Director of Health Education, Dallas Independent School District  
Dallas, Texas, U.S.A.  
*"Project SMART – A Program Evaluation: A Health Education Program Focusing Upon Teenage Pregnancy Prevention"*

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202 – Programs for Teens and Young Mothers (English and French)  
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- **Jean-François René, Ph.D.**  
Professor and Researcher, Department of Social Work  
University of Quebec in Montreal and
- **Marie France Blais, M.Sc.**  
Researcher, Institute of Research for Social Development of Children  
and Youth (IRDS)  
Montreal, Quebec, Canada  
*"The MAP Project (Mothers with Power). An Innovative Project Based on  
Social and Professional Integration to Help Single-Parent Women With Young  
Children Escape Poverty"*

203 – Family Poverty, Child Neglect (English and French)

Moderator: **Carl Lacharité**

- **Diane Richard, M.Sc.**  
Researcher and Policy Advisor  
National Council of Welfare  
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada  
*"Welfare Income Among Canadian Families in 2001"*
- **Micheline Mayer, Ph.D.**  
Senior Researcher, Institute of Research for Social Development of  
Children and Youth (IRDS)  
Montreal, Quebec, Canada  
*"Children Living in Poverty and Families Reported to the Youth Protection  
Services of Quebec"*

204 – Poverty and Health – Cross Cultural Solutions (English)

Moderator: **Peter Allik Petersen**

- **Dr. Stanley Kabugi, SGM, MBCHB, MMED**  
Director, Kannan Medical Center  
Nyahururu, Kenya  
*"Poverty, Health and Child Development"*

205 – Policies Affecting Children (English)

Moderator: **Richard Cloutier**

- **Garfield A. Brown, M.A.**  
Senior Clinical Psychologist  
Department of Clinical and Applied Psychology  
Medical University of Southern Africa  
Medunsa, South Africa  
*"Promoting Attitudinal Change in Children's Rights, Poverty and the  
Changing Family"*
- **Sharon Hope Irwin, Ed.D.**  
Executive Director  
Special Link: The National Center for Child Care Inclusion  
Sydney, Nova Scotia, Canada  
*"Deconstructing the New Federal Provincial Territorial Children's Initiatives  
and Understanding their Potential Implications for Children with Special  
Needs and their Families"*

205 – Policies Affecting Children (English) (cont'd)

- **Roshni Udyavar, B.A.**  
Head, Program on Sustainable Development  
International Institute for Sustainable Future  
Mumbai, India  
*"Poverty and the Girl Child: A Developing Countries Scenario"*

206 – Children and the Law, Street Children and Street Gangs  
(French and English)

Moderator: **Stéphane Hébert**

- **Céline Bellot, M.Sc.**  
Doctoral Candidate in Criminology, Université de Montréal,  
Montreal, Quebec, Canada  
*"The Experiences of Street Children and Intervention Strategies"*
- **Céline Grégoire, B.A.**  
Human Relations Agent, Youth Centers of Montreal  
Institute in the Field of Children and Violence  
Management of Youth Services  
Montreal, Quebec, Canada  
*"Street Gangs: Myth or Reality?"*
- **Paola Biasoli Alves, M.A.**  
Professor  
Universidade Católica de Brasília  
Brazil  
*"Children and Adolescents at Risk in Brasilia: Evaluation of Public Policies"*

FRIDAY, MAY 24

08:30 – 10:00 **Plenary** (Simultaneous Translation)

Keynote Address: **William Rowe, D.S.W.**  
Director, School of Social Work, McGill University  
*"Child Poverty: Body, Mind and Spirit"*

Child poverty is insidious and universal – it affects children in both developed and developing countries and must be responded to on a level of concrete needs, empowerment and hope.

10:00 – 10:20 **Coffee Break**



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## SCHEDULE

10:30 – 12:00 Workshops: Group 300

### 301 – Educational Programs (English and French)

Moderator: **Rick Goldman**

- **Mariangela Belfiore Wanderley, D.S.W.**  
Director, Associate Professor, Special Studies Institute of the Pontifical Catholic University in São Paulo *and*
- **Mercedes Manchaco Ciwynski, M.S.W.**  
Professor, Social Work, Special Studies Institute of the Pontifical Catholic University in São Paulo  
São Paulo, Brazil  
*"Evaluation of the Santo André Municipal Council's 'Family Citizen' Minimum Income Project – PRMSA"*
- **Ma Belén Noceti, M.A.**  
Anthropologist, Researcher and Assistant Professor  
National University  
President, NGO Ser Humano *and*
- **Abog. Verónica Gutiérrez Ayesta, M.A., MSC**  
Assistant Professor, Director of Research Department, School of Law  
National University  
Children's Rights, NGO Ser Humano *and*
- **Lic. Emilia Tassano, M.A.**  
Assistant Professor, National University  
Communications, NGO Ser Humano  
La Plata, Argentina  
*"Linking Poverty, Immigration, Unemployment and School in Argentina"*

### 302 – Intervention Programs (French)

Moderator: **Jean Panet-Raymond**

- **Jacques Bourgeois, B.ts.**  
Community Organizer, Multidisciplinary Committee of N.E.G.S.  
Sainte Famille Health Center in Témiscamingue  
Ville-Marie, Quebec, Canada  
*"Multidisciplinary Approach With Young Families in Small Municipalities"*
- **Martin Goyette, M.Sc.**  
Coordinator, Research on Partenarial Practices in  
Montreal Youth Centers  
Institute of Research for Social Development of Children and Youth  
(IRDS) *and*
- **Nicole Dallaire, Ph.D.**  
Professor, School of Social Work  
Université de Sherbrooke *and*
- **Jean Panet-Raymond, M.Sc.**  
Professor, School of Social Work  
Université de Montréal  
Montreal, Quebec, Canada  
*"The Collaboration Between Montreal Youth Centers and Community Organizations: Towards an Added Value to Youth Intervention"*

### 303 – Child Neglect (French)

Moderator: **Antonio Discepolo**

- **Carl Lacharité, Ph.D.**  
Professor, Psychology, Director of the GREDEF  
Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières *and*
- **Pierre Pinard, M.S.S.**  
Director of Quality Control for Services  
Mauricie Youth Center and Quebec Center  
Research and Intervention Group on Negligence  
Trois-Rivières, Quebec, Canada  
*"Deconstructing the Poverty/Child Neglect Tandem"*
- **Richard Cloutier, Ph.D.**  
Professor, School of Psychology  
Université Laval à Québec  
Quebec, Quebec, Canada *and*
- **Julie Marcotte, M.Ps.**  
Doctoral Candidate in Psychology *and*
- **Denis Lacerte, M.Ps.**  
Quebec Youth Center – Research Institute  
*"Does Youth Protection Also Protect Teenagers?"*
- **Teresa Sheriff, Ph.D.**  
Anthropologist, Quebec Youth Center – Institute for Children and  
Youth in Difficulty  
Beauport, Quebec, Canada  
*"Poverty and Youth Protection: Innovative Approaches"*



### 304 – Poverty and Health Problems (English and French)

- **Pierre Nolin, Ph.D.**  
Professor/Researcher, Department of Psychology  
GREDEF, Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières  
Trois-Rivières, Quebec, Canada  
*"The Effects of Socioeconomic Conditions on the Cognitive Development of Children Between the Ages of 5 and 12"*
- **Elsbeth Ross, M.A., M.L.S.**  
Co-founder, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Association of Ottawa  
Rockland, Ontario, Canada  
*"FAS is not an Equal Opportunity Birth Defect"*
- **Deepak Kumar Behera, Ph.D.**  
Professor, Department of Anthropology  
Sambalpur University  
Sambalpur, Orissa, India  
*"The Impact of Drought on the Indigenous Children: Some Reflections from Kalahandi District of Orissa, India"*

### 305 – Poverty and Indigenous Communities (English and French)

Moderator: **Donald Horne**

- **Doris Papatie**  
General Director of the Band Council of Kitchisakik  
Kitchisakik, Val d'Or, Quebec, Canada *and*
- **Roch Riendeau, B.A.**  
Psychoeducator and Clinical Supervisor at Minokin Social Services  
Val d'Or, Quebec, Canada *and*
- **Steve Audet, B.ts.**  
Social Worker and Community Organizer  
Val d'Or, Quebec, Canada  
*"The Different Faces of Poverty in Kitchisakik"*
- **Sylvia Maracle, B.A., Jrnl**  
Executive Director, Ontario Federation of Indian Friendship Centres  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada  
*"Urban Aboriginal Child Poverty"*




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Moderator: **Dominic D'Abate**

- **Susan V. Clark, M.S.W.**  
Associate Professor of Social Work and
- **David J. Gotcher, Ph.D.**  
Assistant Professor of Sociology  
Department of Sociology and Social Work  
Abilene Christian University  
Abilene, Texas, U.S.A.  
*"Structural Issues in American Society Affecting Children's Issues"*

- **Mélanie Carrier, B.A.**  
Master's Student  
Université Laval  
Quebec, Quebec, Canada  
*"Child Support and Poverty in Quebec and Canada"*

## 307 – Human Rights and Child Poverty (English)

Moderator: **William Rowe**

- **Jim Iffe, Ph.D.**  
Professor and Head, School of Social Work & Social Policy  
Curtin University of Technology  
Perth, WA, Australia  
*"Human Rights and Child Poverty"*

- **R. Brian Howe, Ph.D.**  
Associate Professor, Political Science  
University College of Cape Breton  
Director, Children's Rights Centre  
Sydney, Nova Scotia, Canada and
- **Katherine Covell, Ph.D.**  
Assistant Professor, Psychology  
University College Cape Breton  
Director, Children's Rights Centre  
Sydney, Nova Scotia, Canada  
*"Child Poverty as a Risk to the Rights of the Child"*

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 15:00 Plenary (Simultaneous Translation)

Keynote Address: **Dr. Rashmi Mayur**  
Special Advisor to the United Nations  
*"Beyond Terrorism of Poverty – Creating A World of Hope for Children"*

"The world will never be the same", declared the Ecologist of England after the events of September 11 in New York and Washington, D.C. When the affiliates of the United Nations met after the UN Conference on Terrorism held on October 1-5, they set the new agenda for the future. Children were declared as a priority. It was emphasized that there was no future if there was no sustainable life for children. Therefore, in order to provide a good life for them, we must eliminate all forms of deprivations – hunger, disease, child labor, social breakdown, loneliness and emotional hunger – are all enemies of the normal growth of children to become civilized citizens of the world. Our task, therefore, is to allocate a large amount of financial resources in order to provide them with an education, food, clean water, good family life and a pleasant environment.

Despite monumental efforts of the UNICEF during the last 50 years, more than 35% of children are victims of poverty. We need positive government policies, grass root organizations worldwide and educational institutions, besides the international organizations, to take up the campaigns worldwide to bring good life to children everywhere. It can be done and the Organization for the Protection of Children's Rights (O.P.C.R.) would provide the pioneering experiments to bring hope for tomorrow's citizens.

15:00 – 15:20 Coffee Break



15:30 – 17:00 Workshops: Group 400

## 401 – Single Parent Mothers and an Unfair Tax System (English)

Moderator: **Antonio Discepola**

- **Lola Fabowalé, M.M.S.**  
Senior Researcher and Policy Advisor  
National Council of Welfare  
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada  
*"Single Parent Mothers and the Combined Tax and Transfer System Across Canada, 1980 to 1999"*

## 402 – Intervention Programs (English and French)

Moderator: **Richard Cloutier**

- **Isa Maria F. da Rosa Guara, Ph.D.**  
Department Coordinator  
CENPEC – Centro de Estudos e Pesquisas em Educação, Cultura e Ação Comunitária (Center for Studies and Research in Education, Culture and Community Action)  
São Paulo, Brazil  
*"Complementary Education Programs"*
- **Zélia Maria Mendes Biasoli-Alves**  
Prof. Titular do Depto de Psicologia e Educação  
Universidade de São Paulo  
São Paulo, Brazil  
*"Intervention Programs With Families Who Are at Risk of Having Psycho-Social Problems"*
- **Ritha Ramphal, Ph.D.**  
Professor and Director, School of Social Work  
University of Durban-Westville  
Durban, South Africa  
*"Children and Poverty in South Africa: A Call for Preventive Intervention"*

## 404 – Child Abuse (English)

Moderator: **Katherine Covell**

- **Qaisar Javaid**  
Chairman, Pakistan Lions Youth Council  
Khanelwal, Punjab, Pakistan  
*"Children at Darkness in Developing Countries"*
- **Selma Brackman, B.A.**  
Executive Director  
War and Peace Foundation  
Board Member, NGO Committee on Disarmament  
New York, New York, U.S.A.  
*"New Policy, New Action: Tears Are Not Enough"*
- **Linda R. Jeffrey, Ph.D.**  
Professor, Psychology Department and
- **John D. Frisone, Ph.D.**  
Associate Professor, Psychology Department and
- **Katherine DeStefano, M.A.**  
Professional Staff/Consultant and
- **Kathleen Owens, M.A.**  
Professional Staff/Consultant  
Rowan University  
Glassboro, New Jersey, U.S.A.  
*"The Relationship Between Income Level and Treatment Outcome in a Program of Intensive Therapeutic Services for Children Exposed to Domestic Violence"*

**405 – Disabilities, Poor Health and Employment (English)**

Moderator: **Tony Manglaviti**

- **Maureen Baker, Ph.D.**  
Professor, Department of Sociology  
University of Auckland  
Auckland, New Zealand  
*“Child Poverty, Maternal Health and Social Benefits”*
- **Sharon Hope Irwin, Ed.D.**  
Executive Director  
Special Link: The National Centre for Child Care Inclusion  
Sydney, Nova Scotia, Canada  
*“Staying in the Workforce While Parenting a Child with Special Needs”*

**406 – Social Policies and Programs and Social Justice (English)**

Moderator: **Brian Howe**

- **Gina Browne, Ph.D.**  
Director, System-Linked Research Unit on Health and Social Service Utilization  
Faculty of Health Sciences  
McMaster University  
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada *and*
- **Carolyn Byrne, Ph.D.**  
Investigator, System-Linked Research Unit on Health and Social Service Utilization  
Associate Professor, School of Nursing  
McMaster University  
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada  
*“Investments in Comprehensive Programming: Services for Children and Single-Parent Mothers on Welfare Pay for Themselves Within One Year”*
- **Cordelia Kirk, Ph.D.**  
Department of Social Work  
Savannah, Georgia, U.S.A.  
*“A Re-Conceptualization of the Onslaught of Classical Liberal Ideology on the Global Human Rights Movement: Social Justice for Children”*

**407 – Social Welfare Policies (English and French)**

Moderator: **Rick Goldman**

- **Laurel Rothman, M.S.W.**  
National Coordinator, Campaign 2000  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada *and*
- **Michael Goldberg, M.S.W.**  
Research Director  
Social Planning and Research Council of British Columbia  
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada  
*“Building and Sustaining a National Coalition: The Case of Campaign 2000 to Eliminate Child Poverty”*
- **Ruth Rose, M.A.**  
Associate Professor of Economics, Department of Economics  
Université du Québec à Montréal  
Montreal, Quebec, Canada  
*“Income Support for Families with Children”*



**08:30 – 10:00** Plenary (Simultaneous Translation)

Keynote Address : **The Honorable Lise Thibault**  
Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec

**10:00 – 10:20** Coffee Break

**10:30 – 12:00** Workshops: Group 500

**501 – Intervention Programs (English)**

Moderator: **Tony Manglaviti**

- **Cristiana Mercadante Esper Berthoud, Ph.D.**  
Professor *and*
- **Maria de Fatima Camargo D. Ferreira, M.A.**  
Professor *and*
- **Eleonora Silva**  
Professor, Psychologist – Family Therapy *and*
- **Adriana Dias**  
Professor, Psychologist – Analytic Psychology *and*
- **Adriana Leonidas de Oliveira, M.A.**  
Professor  
University of Taubaté  
São Paulo, Brazil  
*“Investigating and Intervening in Families: A Brazilian Project with a Low Income Community”*
- **Fernanda C. Ataliba, B.A.**  
Administrator  
ACCEC – Capacity Cubatense Association to Exercise Citizenship  
(Associação Cubatense de Capacitação para o Exercício da Cidadania)  
São Paulo, Brazil  
*“To Be a Child”*
- **Galina V. Serdiouk, Ph.D.**  
Executive Director, International Programmes, UNESCO  
Chair of human rights, peace, democracy, tolerance and international mutual understanding  
Ural State University *and*
- **Ekaterina Alexandrovna Iofina, M.D.**  
Doctor, Sverdlovsk Clinic No. 1  
Ekaterinburg, Russian Federation  
*“Problems of Adaptation of Disadvantaged Families to Changing Conditions”*

**502 – Children with Special Needs (English)**

Moderator: **Carl Lacharité**

- **Gina Browne, Ph.D.**  
Director, System-Linked Research Unit on Health and Social Service Utilization  
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McMaster University  
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada *and*
- **Carolyn Byrne, Ph.D.**  
Investigator, System-Linked Research Unit on Health and Social Service Utilization  
Associate Professor, School of Nursing  
McMaster University  
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada  
*“When the Bough Breaks”*

**503 – Policies to Prevent and Help Street Children (English)**

Moderator: **Antonio Discepolo**

- **Kristin M. Ferguson, M.S.W.**  
Social Work Department  
The University of Texas at Arlington  
Social Work Faculty  
The Autonomous University of Nuevo Leon  
Dual Degree Doctoral Program in Comparative Social Welfare Policy and Social Work  
Annandale, Virginia, U.S.A.  
*“Social Capital and Child Labor in the Mesosystem: In Search of Community-Based Social Indicators of Risk”*

## SCHEDULE

### 503 – Policies to Prevent and Help Street Children (English) (cont'd)

- **Dra. Stella Luz Lopez Beltran**  
Attorney, Director, Instituto Nacional del Menor  
Montevideo, Uruguay  
*"Working Children in Uruguay"*

### 504 – Poverty, Immigrants and Indigenous Communities (English)

Moderator: **Stéphane Hébert**

- **Dr. Michael N. Mugo, MBCHB, M.Sc.**  
Chief Clinical Officer, Health Services Department  
Egerton University  
Nyahururu, Rift Valley, Kenya  
*"A Comparative Analysis of Child Upbringing Among the Kikuyu and Samburu of Central Kenya: Poverty and Indigenous Communities"*
- **Catherine Montgomery, Ph.D.**  
Researcher, Research and Training Center  
CLSC Côte-des-Neiges  
Montreal, Quebec, Canada and
- **Annie Mailloux, M.S.W.**  
Social Worker, Youth Program  
CLSC Côte-des-Neiges  
Montreal, Quebec, Canada  
*"Developing Tools for the Future. Young Immigrants and Community-Based Strategies in the Struggle Against Poverty"*



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