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PANEL TITLE: CHILD PROTECTION AND CHILD RIGHTS IN INDIA

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ABSTRACT

Childhood is often touted as the golden period of life, one that is free of worries and challenges. However, a stress-free childhood is a privilege that very few people have. Irrespective of the socio-economic and cultural position of a person, troubles and tribulations are a part of childhood for most individuals. Situating children in the socio-cultural environment- social ecology of the children (at the micro level are the family, streets, neighbourhood, the meso-structures of community, schools, and the geographical spaces and at the macro level are the national and global, where the political economy of the regions emanate) have a bearing on the entire experience of adulthood. Their ascribed identity in the social structures has a significant impact on their childhood and future to a large extent. Research on the various facets of childhood is based on the premise that experiences of childhood have a pivotal role in shaping the present condition of children, influencing future behaviour as well as their personality. There is a growing interest in the entire gamut of child rights issues, child protection, children in conflict situations and overall development of children. The crimes against children have gone up tremendously, despite stringent laws like POCSO. The rate of crime against children in India is as high as 33.6% (NCRB, 2021). While the benefits of technology cannot be ignored, it is important to acknowledge that children are more vulnerable to cyberstalking, and different types of cybercrimes. Therefore, child abuse- physical, sexual, emotional and child neglect must be addressed in a holistic manner.

This open panel intends to cover some of the above-mentioned themes. Interested research scholars can send their abstract of 250 words along with their brief profile. Selected abstracts will be communicated for submission of full length paper not exceeding 3000 words for presentation and some will be selected for poster presentation during WAC-23 to be held at KISS Bhubaneshwar.

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