

Symposium – Healthcare Reform Perspectives for Children: Comparative Approaches Between Israel, United States and Quebec

Friday, September 9, 2022 | 9 : 00 am - 3: 30 pm | Online | [Register here](#)

9h00 OPENING REMARKS

Philip JAFFÉ, Professor at the Centre for Children's Rights Studies (CCRS), University of Geneva. Member of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child

9h30 – 11h30 PANEL 1: HEALTH CARE DECISION-MAKING IN RELATION TO CHILDREN

Rhona SHUZ, Professor of Law and Co-Director, Center for the Rights of the Child and the Family, Sha'arei Mishpat Law School, Israel

Subject: *Overriding parents' wishes in relation to medical decisions*

Pamela LAUFER-UKELES, Professor at the Academic Center for Law and Science, Israel

Subject: *Ethical and Legal Dilemmas Concerning the Sale of Breastmilk*

Catherine RÉGIS, Professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Montréal. Canada Research Chair in Health Law and Policy.

Subject: *Healthcare Mediation for children*

Audrey FERRON PARAYRE, Professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa (civil section)

Subject: *Mandatory vaccination of children: an overview of the situation in Canada*

11h30-12h QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

12h00 LUNCH

13h00 – 15h00 PANEL 2 – THE SPECIFIC CASE OF HEALTHCARE FOR TRANSGENDER TEENS

Ido KATRI and Maayan SUDAI, respectively professor at Tel Aviv University and at Haifa University

Subject : *Trans and Intersex Perspectives on Gender Affirmative Care as Child Abuse*

Ayelet BLECHER-PRIGAT, Dean of Law School, Academic Center of Law and Science, Israel

Subject: *Children's rights and parental responsibility: the case of healthcare to transgender youth and intersex newborns*

Johanne CLOUET, Professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Montréal.

Subject: *Access to Care for Transgender Youth*

Annie PULLEN-SANSFAÇON, Professor at the Faculty of Arts and Sciences - School of Social Work, University of Montréal. Research Chair Director of the Canada Research Chair on Transgender Children and Their Families

Charles-Antoine THIBEAULT, PhD candidate at the School of Social Work (UdeM) and MA in musicotherapy

Subject: *Mental health of trans and non-binary youth and access to gender affirming medical care*

15h00 – 15h30 QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

Biographical notes



Johanne Clouet holds a Master of Laws from McGill University, a Master of Notarial Law and a Ph.D. from the University of Montreal. Her research activities focus on family law and the law of persons. Her doctoral thesis won the Thémis Prize for the best thesis (2016) and was published by Éditions Thémis. Prior to joining the Faculty of Law of the Université de Montréal, she conducted a postdoctoral project with the Antoine-Turmel Research Chair on the Legal Protection of Seniors (Université Laval). Her research focused on the protection of the elderly through the Quebec Charter and on advance directives in health care. Professor Clouet teaches in the Master's program in notarial law and in the Bachelor's program in law, in addition to being an associate professor at the Institut des sciences, des technologies et des études avancées d'Haïti (ISTEAH).



Ayelet Blecher-Prigat is Professor of Law and serves as the Dean of Law School at the Academic College of Law & Science in Israel. Professor Blecher-Prigat holds degrees in law from Columbia Law School (LLM, *Kent Scholar* and JSD) and from Tel Aviv University (LLB, *magna cum laude*). Her research focuses on family law and theory, children's rights, and law and religion in Israeli law. Her work has been published in leading Israeli law journals as well as in the Arizona State Law Journal, Harvard Journal of Law & Gender, George Mason Law Review, and Columbia Human Rights Law Review.



Audrey Ferron Parayre is a professor at the Section de droit civil, Faculty of Law, and membre of the Centre for Health Law, Policy and Ethics at the University of Ottawa. She holds a master's in public health and a doctorate in law, and is working on persons and health law interdisciplinary projects. She is particularly interested in informed consent and its implementation in different clinical contexts, such as general medicine, psychiatry, and obstetrics-gynecology.



Philip D. Jaffé is a full professor at the University of Geneva, Switzerland, and the founding director of its Centre for Children’s Rights Studies (CIDE) (2008-2020). In 2018, he was elected to the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child. A clinical and a forensic psychologist trained in Switzerland and in the USA, for many years, his academic and professional activities have focused on children's rights, in particular child protection and the participation of children. Beyond the traditional "teach, research, publish or perish missions" required by a leading university, his vision of academic life is to branch out in the community at large as a science practitioner and educator. More info: www.jaffe.ch



Ido Katri is an Assistant Professor at Tel- Aviv University School of Social Work in collaboration with the Faculty of Law. Ido holds a doctorate (SJD) from the University of Toronto where he was both Pierre Elliot Trudeau Foundation and Vanier Canada scholar. Ido teaches and researchers in the field of Legal and Critical Theory, as well as Administrative, Equality and Welfare Law, with a focus on issues of trans rights, gender and sexuality, race and racialization, subjectivity and subjection.



Pamela Laufer-Ukeles is Professor of Law and Healthcare Administration at the Academic College of Law and Science in Hod Hasharon, Israel. She is originally from the U.S. where she was Professor of Law at the University of Dayton School of Law. Prof. Laufer-Ukeles received her J.D. from Harvard and her B.A. from Columbia College, Columbia University in Philosophy and Economics. She was a Fulbright Fellow and a Harvard Kennedy Scholar in the field of bioethics. Her areas of expertise include tort law, family law, children’s rights, elder law, healthcare law and bioethics. Her articles on surrogate motherhood, informed consent in the context of reproductive technologies, children and women’s rights, the harms of commodification and the importance of caregiving to society have been published in numerous books and journals and she is a regular visitor at Universities worldwide to discuss these topics. Most recently she published a co-edited collection of articles from across the globe titled, “Global Reflections on Children’s Rights and the Law: 30 Years After the Convention on the Rights of the Child” (Routledge Press 2021). She is currently working on a project to reframe family law governing collaborative family-making.



Annie Pullen Sansfaçon (PhD Ethics, Social work, DeMontfort University, UK) is Professor at the University of Montreal's School of Social Work and hold the Canada Research Chair on Transgender Children and their families. She is also the scientific director of the multidisciplinary research team on transgender youth and their families. Her research is aimed at understanding the experiences of well-being of transgender children. Rooted in anti-oppressive and trans affirmative perspectives, she proposes interventions and methodologies that support their empowerment.



Catherine Regis is a full professor at the University of Montreal Law Faculty, holder of a Canada Research Chair in health law and policy (chairesante.ca), co-founder of the Health Hub – Policy, Organizations and Law (h-pod.ca) and founding member of the JusticIA (justice-ia.com) research group. She is also a researcher at the Centre de recherche en droit public (CRDP), the University of Montreal Hospital Research Center (CRCHUM), the Observatory of the Social Impacts of AI and Digital Technology (OBVIA), and Special advisor and Associate vice-rector with planning and strategic communication at the University of Montreal. Catherine also participated in the creation of the Montreal Declaration for a responsible development of artificial intelligence as a member of its scientific committee.



Rhona Schuz is a Full Professor of Law at the Academic College of Law and Science Israel and Adjunct Professor at the Faculty of Law, Bar Ilan University. Before moving to Israel, she was a lecturer in law at the London School of Economics. She has an MA in law and an LLM from the University of Cambridge and a PhD from the University of London. Rhona has written extensively in the areas of child law and private international law, with particular emphasis on children's rights and international child abduction. In addition to numerous articles, she has published two books, *A Modern Approach to the Incidental Question in the Conflict of Laws* (Nijhoff, 1997) and *The Hague Child Abduction Convention: A Critical Analysis* (Hart, 2013). The latter has been widely cited in the literature and by appellate courts in a number of jurisdictions.



Maayan Sudai is an Assistant Professor of Law and of Women and Gender Studies at the University of Haifa. Maayan holds a doctorate (SJD) from Harvard Law School where she concentrated on health law, bioethics, and STS studies. Maayan's current research agenda examines the interaction between law and science as epistemological systems, focusing on how social movements use these systems to shape knowledge and policy. Her published work explores the incoherence between legal and scientific conceptions of sex and gender, and examines how legal professionals construct the meaning of these concepts in law and policy.