

# Harvard School of Public Health

## Child Rights/Child Health

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Mondays 3:30 - 5:20 pm - FXB G-03

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### Class Description

The course will present general principles relevant to the rights of individuals under the age of 18 as elaborated in international human rights instruments, primarily the Convention on the Rights of the Child. The seminar will give participants the opportunity to explore a selected health-related topic of their choosing in an in-depth research paper.

### Seminar Structure

#### Session 1: March 30

Introduction to the course

Human rights principles and institutions relevant to the rights of the child

#### Session 2: April 6

The Convention on the Rights of the Child: Politics and Practice

#### Session 3: April 13

Introduction and discussion of paper topics

#### Session 4: April 20

Best interests of the child and their consistency with the "evolving capacities of the child"

#### Session 5: April 27

Non-discrimination

#### Session 6: May 4

Right to life, including survival and development

**Session 7: May 11**

Right of the child to express their views and to be heard

**Session 8: May 18**

Wrap-ups