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## IJJO DAY BY DAY



04/12/2014

INTERNATIONAL

*The 3rd edition of the 'Juvenile Justice without Borders' International Award recognizes professionals and institutions that defend the rights of children in conflict with the law*

OIJJ

Last night, the Brussels' Town Hall held the ceremony for the 3rd edition of the 'Juvenile Justice without Borders' International Award, organized by the International Juvenile Justice Observatory (IJJO). Through this award, the IJJO aims to recognize the progression and achievements in the defence of children's rights and in the legal and psychosocial fields, as well as in research and direct intervention with young offenders. [\[+\]](#)



06/12/2014

INTERNATIONAL

*The International Juvenile Justice Observatory concludes its 6th Conference underlining the importance of the educational approach on juvenile justice measures*

OIJJ

The 6th International Conference 'Making Deprivation of Children's Liberty a Last Resort: Towards evidence-based policies on alternatives', organized in Brussels by the International Juvenile Justice Observatory (IJJO), ended with a closing session that remarked the importance of the educational approach of juvenile justice and the need for extensive research to use evidence-based measures of proven effectiveness. [\[+\]](#)



05/12/2014

INTERNATIONAL

*Juvenile Justice professionals debate the development of innovative and validated alternative practices in the second day of the 6th IJJO Conference*

OIJJ

The second and last day of the 6th International Conference 'Making Deprivation of Children's Liberty a Last Resort: Towards evidence-based policies on alternatives', organized in Brussels by the International Juvenile Justice Observatory (IJJO), focused the debate yesterday on the development of innovative and validated alternative strategies for Juvenile Justice systems, complementing the analytic perspective with a concrete look at selected practices. [\[+\]](#)

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## JUVENILE JUSTICE IN THE WORLD



21/11/2014

INTERNATIONAL

*Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child: Progress Made and Challenges to Confront*

OIJJ

November 20 marks the 25th anniversary of the signing of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CNC), which took place in 1989 and involved an unprecedented, almost universal agreement among the nations. The Convention became the treaty adopted in the quickest and most comprehensive manner in the history of Human Rights, and thanks to it, numerous advances in the protection and respect for children have been made. [\[+\]](#)



18/11/2014

SOUTH AMERICA

*Uruguay Refuses to Lower the Adolescent Criminal Age from 18 to 16 Years Old*

OIJJ

At the ballots, the nation of Uruguay rejected an amendment to their Constitution that tried to lower the age at which one could legally convict a minor for serious offenses from 18 to 16 years old. The amendment didn't obtain the 50% plus one of the votes in order to pass. Uruguayan law actually permits juvenile offenders from 13 years old to be confined to a juvenile detention facility without a criminal sentence and for a maximum of five years. From 18 years old, they can be legally convicted and therefore be confined to prison. [\[+\]](#)



05/11/2014

AFRICA

*Superstition as a cause of social exclusion and criminalisation of African children*

OIJJ

In Africa, children are increasingly at risk of being socially excluded and criminalised because of superstition. This trend has been linked to accusations leading to abuse, violence, mistreatment, infanticide and child abandonment. The causes of this are not only social and cultural, but also economic. [\[+\]](#)

## LEGISLATIVE FILE



SWEDEN

The aim of the legislative file is to provide IJJO Users with access to national legislation on minors in an ordered and organised way, including all laws in force, partial reforms and other laws regarding the protection of the rights of the child. [\[+\]](#)

## IJJO INTERVIEWS

*Jean Schmitz, International expert on restorative justice*

In this interview, Jean Schmitz describes the activities and the projects

## RESEARCH AND THESIS

INTERNATIONAL



undertaken by the Latin American Institute for Restorative Practices – ILAPR, Instituto Latino Americano de Prácticas Restaurativas - and explains the importance of spreading innovative methods of restorative justice, particularly in Latin America. This institution, based in Lima and whose main goal is to promote and foster learning, personal growth and social responsibility while promoting human and citizen relationships, betting on a better quality of life, as well as on an emotional well-being and a respect for citizens' rights, uses a methodology based on restorative practices. In these lines, Jean Schmitz will, among other issues, talk about the lessons on restorative practices taught at the ILAPR and describe the positive outcomes of using restorative justice practices, especially in a school environment, in order to reduce or prevent violence and crime by making people feeling they are part of a community in which they can share their feelings and ideas. [+]

RESEARCH AND THESIS

SEND THESIS / RESEARCH

According to our main activities and objectives, the International Juvenile Justice Observatory wants to give the opportunity to researchers and PHD Students to have access to our international communication platform.

To publish on our web site your thesis, research papers regarding juvenile justice and the situation of minors in conflict with the law, please press the following link. [+]

## COLLABORATION FORUM

### Juvenile Justice Priorities in the Asia-Pacific Region

Issues such as the situation of children in conflict with the law, child victims and witnesses of crime have become an increasing concern for most countries in the Asia-Pacific region. Significant reform initiatives are currently underway in many ...

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## JOB & INTERNSHIP DATABASE

The Job and Internship Database contains information on the latest job and internship offers sent by organisations working in juvenile justice; our purpose is to facilitate the gathering of people and organizations that are involved in the juvenile justice field.

The Job and Internship Database offers a virtual space to organizations involved in juvenile justice, where they can publish their job and internship offers. If your organization wishes to publish a job offer, please click on the following link and complete the document.

SEE THE JOB OFFERS

SEND JOB OFFERS

## PRESS ROOM

La artesanía, camino para la reinserción  
Spain

Mass. courts fail to shield juveniles in holding areas  
United States

Entra en vigor Ley General de los Derechos de las Niñas, Niños y Adolescentes  
Mexico

Cyber-violence: un collégien sur cinq victimes  
France

La Journée Internationale des Enfants : pour une réponse concertée en faveur des enfants touchés par le conflit armé  
Mali

Académicos de U. de la Frontera expondrán ante la ONU situación de justicia juvenil en Chile  
Chile

UNICEF felicita a El Salvador por ratificar protocolo sobre derechos del niño  
El Salvador

Sudan: UNAMID Campaign Against Recruiting Child Soldiers, North Darfur  
Sudan

Augmentation inquiétante de l'exploitation des enfants  
Nepal

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Web-based Expungement Tools  
North America

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Findings on the Worst Forms of Child Labor  
International

Reducing youth incarceration and achieving positive outcomes for high and complex need youth through effective community-based programs  
United States

Stakeholders' Views on the Movement to Reduce Youth Incarceration  
United States

Invisibles: ¿hasta cuándo? Una primera aproximación a la vida y derechos de niñas, niños y adolescentes con referentes adultos encarcelados en América Latina y el Caribe  
Latin America

Juvenile Justice in Oregon: An Analysis of the Performance of Oregon's Juvenile Justice System and Specific Recommendations for Improvements  
United States

Measuring Violence against Children. Inventory and assessment of quantitative studies  
International

Menores acusados de brujería en la región de La Kara (Togo)  
Togo

## EDITORIAL NEWS

Educating Incarcerated Youth. Exploring the Impact of Relationships, Expectations, Resources and Accountability  
Publications

Relaciones escolares y diferencias culturales: la educación en perspectiva intercultural  
Publications

Ciudades en la Encrucijada: Violencia y poder criminal en Río de Janeiro, Medellín, Bogotá y Ciudad Juárez  
Publications

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### DECEMBER 2014

10 21st Pan American Child and Adolescent Congress  
Brazil

11 Launch of the video: 'End Violence Against Children'  
Switzerland

15 Conferencia Ministerial: mejorando la eficacia de las políticas penitenciarias en América Latina  
Costa Rica

17 First Meeting of the North American Council for Juvenile Justice (NACJJ)

## ORGANIZATIONS

Proyecto B  
Chile

Texas Care for Children  
United States

Center for Children's Law and Policy  
United States

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