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The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child at 35 Years: Ready for a New Chapter?



Since the adoption of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, 35 years ago, children around the world have benefitted from more attention for and a higher degree of protection of their rights and freedoms. The human rights framework for children approaches them as rights holders, while bearing in mind their specific vulnerabilities, evolving capacities and special relationship with parents and family. At the same time, international children's rights have to keep up with the latest developments affecting children's lives and interests in order to secure and enhance their relevance. The domain of digital technologies brings both opportunities and challenges for children, requiring the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child to serve as a living instrument that effectively connects to this new and rapidly developing domain, while upholding an integral children's rights approach acknowledging children's protection, participation and autonomy rights. Is the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child ready for this new chapter?

Biography

Professor Dr Ton Liefaard holds the UNICEF Chair in Children's Rights at Leiden University and is the Head of the Department of Child Law and Health Law. He has served as Vice Dean of Leiden Law School (2018-2023) and founded the Master of Laws: Advanced Studies in International Children's Rights, a one-of-a-kind international LL.M. programme on international human rights of children. He also initiated the Leiden Children's Rights Observatory.

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