

**15-20 November 2021**

*“Ensuring access to justice for all children: towards non-discriminatory and inclusive child justice systems”*

### Workshop Programme

#### **Children in street situation and access to justice - challenges and new policy in Brazil**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Friday, 19th November 2021</b>
<b>Timing</b>	12:00 - 13:30 CET
<b>Organiser(s)</b>	Eduardo Rezende Melo, AIMJF
<b>Type of Workshop</b>	Panel Discussion
<b>Topics</b>	Tackling violence within child justice systems and ensuring child friendly approaches for child victims, offenders, and witnesses.
<b>Region</b>	International
<b>Language</b>	English

#### **Abstract**

The relationship between children in street situations and the justice system has always been problematic and challenging. Historically, control actions and social defense strategies implied in compulsory removal from streets and from family life, a harsher response from juvenile justice due to the lack of family and social support. Since the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child a new relationship began to be put in place, but the legal guarantees were not enough to change the legal approach to children in a street situation. Continuous struggles led by civil society had slowly an impact on the organization of new social service and health policies, a new resolution by the National Council on Human Rights and finally a judicial policy on access to justice by the National Council of Justice. Aiming to contextualize this process, the workshop will discuss in depth the new paradigms of access to justice in Brazil vis à vis General Comment 21 (UN Committee on the Rights of the Child).

#### **Take-aways and one output of the session**

- Contextualization of the historical process of change in public policies and in the justice system regarding the rights of children in street situation
- Discussion of the terms access to justice should be provided to children in street situation, observing non-discriminatory and inclusive procedures

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## Expected outcomes

- Establish the limits and the possibilities of the justice system intervention to grant rights of children in street situation
- Establish the terms and conditions for access to justice by children in street situation
- Set quality criteria for the intervention of the justice system regarding children in street situation

## Speakers

- **Moderators**

1. **Eduardo Rezende Melo**

Graduation in Law (USP) and Philosophy (PUC-SP) • Specialization in criminal law and criminology (USP) and children studies (CLACSO-Argentina) • Mastery in Philosophy (PUC-SP) and advanced studies in children's rights (University of Fribourg, Switzerland) • PhD in Human Rights (USP) and post-PhD studies in Social Sciences (UNINOVA Lisboa, Portugal) • Judge in São Paulo, Brazil • Pedagogical coordinator of the São Paulo State School for Magistrates • Pedagogical coordinator of the Brazilian Institute of Children and Adolescents Rights – IBDCRIA-ABMP • Editor in Chief of the Chronicle, the International Association of Youth and Family Judges and Magistrates ( AIMJF)´s Journal, and its pedagogical coordinator

- **Panelists**

1. **Irene Rizzini**

Social Services Professor PUC-RJ, Director of the International Center for Research and Policy on Childhood at the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro- CIESPI

2. **Renan Vinicius Sotto Mayor de Oliveira**

Renan Vinicius Sotto Mayor de Oliveira is a Public Defender, former president of the National Council of Human Rights in Brazil