

EXAMINATION QUESTIONS (term paper)

Please answer **one** of the following **three** questions:

1. Give a presentation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), including historical background, principles and main theoretical discussion linked to it. Discuss how and to what extent the UNCRC represents a useful tool to improve children's welfare and everyday life in different parts of the world. Relate and use examples from the country in which you were a child.
2. Give a presentation of and compare the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and the African Charter on children's rights. Discuss the principle of the 'best interest of the child' inherent in the two declarations and the question whether children's rights in the global South represent progress or imposition.
3. Present and discuss key points in the discussion between protectionist and liberalist position related to children's rights. Where and how do you position yourself with respect to this discussion? Contextualise and use examples from a particular local/national context and the communication between UN Committee on the Rights of the Child and the national report.

Literature to be used

Readings from the BARN3102 Children's Rights curriculum. In addition you should use the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child and reports between UN and the country you choose.

African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child:

<http://www.crin.org/Law/instrument.asp?InstID=1015>

UN reports:

<http://tb.ohchr.org/default.aspx>

Choose "CRC" (convention), country and "State Party Report" (type). Press "search".