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Investing in Children

In Search for Innovative Solutions to Improve Children's Well-Being

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Conference description

Children and youth are most severely affected by negative consequences of current economic crisis. They are still at greater risk of poverty and social exclusion than adults, and even in the most advanced countries some of them experience extreme poverty and severe material deprivation. Attempts to improve the well-being of children are not as effective as we would like them to be, whereas theoretical concepts and study results quickly become out-of-date due to dynamically changing social reality. Therefore, continuous research and attempts to create and implement new, innovative solutions

based on the principle of investing in children are essential and beneficial for children and societies.

The purpose of the conference is to encourage a debate on theoretical approaches and research results, policy measures and methods of professional work with children and youth in the following areas:

1. equal opportunities and children's access to adequate resources,
2. access to quality services for children,
3. participation of children
4. physical and emotional security of children in societies of multiple risks,
5. mainstreaming children's policies and rights.

The conference offers opportunity to create international and interdisciplinary platform for exchange of knowledge and experiences for researchers (working in the field of sociology, economy, psychology, pedagogy, social work, social policy, medicine, law), policy makers, representatives of NGOs and practitioners from Eastern, Central and Western Europe.

We do hope that the conference will become a cornerstone of a network of specialists focused on searching of innovative solutions to improve children's well-being.

Conference website: <http://www.eksoc.uni.lodz.pl/is/conferences.html>

Venue: Faculty of Economics and Sociology, University of Lodz, ul. Rewolucji 1905r. no. 41, Lodz, Poland (<http://www.eksoc.uni.lodz.pl/en/>)

Important dates:

- **April 30, 2014** – registration (please submit the registration form at: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1u9jBn5ZGHuISYeEYcVfOkHoP0b0B8X1xsjpXUo1rv4g/viewform>)
- **May 15, 2014** – results of abstract review
- **September 15, 2014** – submission of the conference fee
- **September 30, 2014** – submission of a full article

Organizational information:

- Conference languages: **English, Polish**
- Conference fee: **125 EUR**
- The conference bank account number is: **07 1240 3028 1111 0010 2943 4436** (please add an insertion "Neglected childhood 3").
- The fee covers: conference materials, meals (two lunches, conference dinner, coffee and refreshment breaks), publication of a collection of articles (accepted by reviewers), study visit.
- Conference participants will not get remuneration for presenting and/or publishing their articles nor reimbursement of travel/accommodation costs.

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