

European Conference “Raising Children without Violence” on October 20th and 21st 2005 in the Berlin- Brandenburgischen Akademie der Wissenschaften

Programme

Facilitator: Susanne Wieseler

Day 1

from 10:00 a.m. Arrival

10:30 a.m. Opening / lead-in

**5 years of legislation to ban violence against children –
what are the results so far?**
Renate Schmidt
Federal Minister for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens,
Women and Youth

**Legislation to ban violence against children – using
legal instruments to change public awareness**
Brigitte Zypries
Federal Minister for Justice

11:00 a.m. **Raising children without violence – European
perspectives**
Katarina Tomasevski (DK/CRO), former UN Special
Rapporteur on the right to education
Thomas Hammarberg (S), former member of the UN
Committee on the Rights of the Child, Adviser to the
Swedish government on humanitarian issues

12:30 – 2:00 p.m. Lunch

from 2:00 p.m. **The significance of raising children without violence for
a democratic society**
Prof. Dr. Gesine Schwan (GER), President of Viadrina
University (Frankfurt/Oder)

Breaking the vicious circle of violence – civil solutions to conflicts

Uri Avnery (IL), journalist and author – awarded the
Alternative Nobel Prize

Respect as a core competence in the economy

Prof. Götz Werner (GER), dm-drogerie markt, Founder,
CEO

4:00 – 4:30 p.m. Coffee break

4:30 – 6:00 p.m. Concepts of raising children in Europe

Round-table discussion

Peter Newell (GB), Global Initiative to End All Corporal
Punishment

Maria Keller-Hamela (PL), Nobody's Children Foundation,
Poland

Christian Renoux (FR), French Coalition for the UN-Decade
for Peace and Non-Violence

Mali Nilsson (S), Save the Children International Alliance

Prof. M. Angeles Cerezo (ES), University of Valencia

Prof. Dr. Brigitte Rollett (A), University of Vienna

Heinz Hilgers (GER), German Association for Child
Protection

6:00 p.m. Conclusion

from 6.30 p.m. Reception in the restaurant “Refugium”

Day 2

9:00 a.m. Opening / lead-in
“Strengthening the educational competencies of families and schools”
Implementation status of the program of the Federal and State Ministers on banning violence
Prof. Dr. Rudolf Egg (GER), President of the foundation
German Forum for Criminal Prevention

09:30 – 11:30 a.m. **Discussion forums**

Forum 1:

Preventing violence in the family – concepts and results

Prof. Dr. Friedrich Lösel (GER), University of Erlangen-Nürnberg
Dr. Ann Hagell (UK), Nuffield Foundation
Phil Tavener (UK), National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC)
Facilitator: Irene Johns (GER), Centre for Child Protection, Kiel

Which concepts for preventing violence in families have been successful in Europe?
What can the evaluation of existing programmes and concepts teach us about bringing up children without violence in the future? In this forum, various concepts and practical measures, as well as the results of empirical research will be discussed.

Forum 2

Why do people resort to violence? – breaking the vicious circle

Prof. Urs Fuhrer (GER), University of Magdeburg
Prof. M Angeles Cerezo Jimenez (ES), University of Valencia
Facilitator: Dr. Heidemarie Arnhold (GER), Arbeitskreis Neue Erziehung e.V.

Raising children without violence is a particular challenge for families throughout Europe in stressful situations, for instance divorce, unemployment, a lack of formal education or integration. In this forum, the (psychological) reasons why people resort to violence will be explained, and a discussion initiated on ways to bring up children without violence, even under difficult conditions.

Forum 3

Children as legal entities – a paradigm shift in education

Thomas Hammarberg (S), Advisor to the Swedish government on humanitarian issues
Dr. Claudia Lohrenscheit (GER), German Institute for Human Rights
Facilitator: Dr. Jörg Maywald (GER), German League for the Child

Many parents and teachers are not fully aware that children not only have rights, but are legal entities. How can we bring up children in a way that fulfils their rights? How will this change the relationship between adults and children? In this forum, we will discuss the prerequisites and consequences of a paradigm shift in Germany and Europe.

Forum 4

Core competencies in the business world – what role does education play?

Prof. Götz Werner (GER), dm drugstore, founder, CEO
Dr. Gero Kerig (GER), head of Internationaler Bund
Facilitator: Petra Mackroth (GER), head of the Directorate, Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth

This forum will present the significance of raising children without violence for the economy from various angles. Which core capabilities does raising children without violence convey and how can these be used for the economy? Are any other skills facilitated by raising children with respect that the business world could benefit from?

11:45 a.m. **Presentation of results from the discussion forums, with a statement from the media perspective**
Facilitators of the discussion forums and Irmela Hannover (GER), WDR

12:30 p.m. **Final statement**
Maud deBoer Buquichio (NL), Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe

1:00 p.m. **Conclusion**
Mrs. Marieluise Beck, PSt, Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Delegate of the Federal Government for Migration, Refugees and Integration

1:15 p.m. **End of conference**