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Date and Place of Birth : 9 October 1958, Port-of-Spain (Trinidad & Tobago)
Nationality : Switzerland (Canton of Ticino)
Marital Status : Married (with Aian), two children (Zachary 2012, Jasper 2009)
Language Skills : French, English, Italian (native fluency), German, Spanish (good)

CURRENT POSITION

- 2019- Member, United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child (elected June 2018 in New York)
- 2008- Full Professor, Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences, Univ. of Geneva, and Director of the Center for Children's Rights Studies (2008-2015: Institut universitaire Kurt Bösch; 1992-2008: Senior Lecturer, Tenured Professor, Univ. of Geneva):
- Overall management responsibilities (circa 20 FTE staff members, 200+ students)
 - Directing and teaching in the wide offer of degree (French speaking *Master in Children's Rights*) and continuing education programs in English such as the Massive Online Open Course *Children's Human Rights: An interdisciplinary introduction* (over 10'000 active participants), yearly editions of the Summer School *Children at the heart of human rights*, an online *Certificado en Estudios Avanzados en Justicia Juvenil*, etc.
 - Conducting and participating in multiple research programs, organizing national and international conferences on various aspects of children's rights (sexual abuse, migration, bullying, addiction, juvenile justice, sustainable development goals, alternative care, adoption...)

STUDIES AND CLINICAL TRAINING

- Primary and secondary schools: Nairobi (Kenya), Geneva and Lausanne (Switzerland)
- 1978 French Baccalaureate *with distinction*
- 1978-83 Licence and Diploma - Univ. of Fribourg and Univ. of Geneva, Switzerland
- 1983-88 Master of Arts and Doctor of Psychology *with distinction*, Ferkauf Graduate School, NYC, USA
- Advanced training in clinical and forensic psychology: Bellevue Hospital, New York Univ.; McLean Hospital, Harvard Univ., Boston; Bridgewater State Hospital, Massachusetts; Psychiatric Policlinic, Univ. of Lausanne, Switzerland.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 1994- Private practice as a Psychotherapist and Court-appointed expert (civil and penal situations involving children and their families), Geneva, Switzerland
- 1994-04 Senior psychologist, Head of psychologists, Division of Penitentiary Medicine, University Hospital Geneva, Switzerland (previously Institute of Legal Medicine)
- 1988-92 Psychologist and (1989-92) Director of a maximum-security unit of 59 beds for mentally ill and dangerous patients, court-appointed expert, Bridgewater State Hospital, Massachusetts, USA.

Since 1992, numerous short, medium and long term clinical and training consultancies for the International Institute for the Rights of the Child (IDE), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), Médecins sans frontières (MSF), Terre des hommes - Aide à l'enfance (Tdh), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Council of Europe (CoE), with missions to Indonesia, Iraq, Dagestan, Egypt, Burkina Faso, Lebanon, South Africa, Nepal, etc.

CIVIL ACTIVITIES

- 2012- Pro Juventute (Switzerland's foremost civil organization for child welfare), Board member
- 2010- Swiss Center for Expertise in Human Rights, Board member
- 2009-10 Member group of experts drafting the Council of Europe Child-Friendly Justice Guidelines
- 2008- International Institute for the Rights of the Child (IDE), Board member
- 1998- Swiss Society of Legal Psychology (Founder and Past President, 1998-08)

INTERESTS

Overall children's rights, children's participation in judicial procedures, promoting children's rights in the print and non-print media, attempting to be a good father for my children, news junkie, running and fitness.

A full list of publications is available on the website: www.jaffe.ch (long CV in French)