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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

- 2008- Full Professor, Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences, Univ. of Geneva, cofounder and former Director of the Center for Children's Rights Studies (2008-2015: Institut universitaire Kurt Bösch; 1992-2008: Senior Lecturer Psychology, Tenured Professor, Univ. of Geneva):
- directing and teaching in a 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 50'000 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, climate change and environment, bullying, addiction, corporal punishment, juvenile justice, sustainable development goals, alternative care, adoption, digital environment, religious views...)

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 Polyclinic, 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 mandates, research programs, as well as 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 Albania, Algeria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Burkina Faso, Egypt, Hungary, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Nepal, Russia, Senegal, South Africa, Vanuatu, etc.

CIVIL SOCIETY ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIPS (selection)

- 2020- *Club diplomatique*, Geneva.
- 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 - HOBBIES

Promoting children's rights in the media, attempting to be a good father for my children, news junkie, running and fitness.

PUBLICATIONS (representative sampling of 200+)

1. Jaffé, Ph.D. (2020). School Psychology in the Trenches of Child Rights. In B.K. Nastasi, S.N. Hart, & S. Naser (Eds.) *The International Handbook on Child Rights and School Psychology*. vii-ix, Cham, Switzerland: Springer Nature:
2. Zermatten, J. & Jaffé, Ph.D. (Ed.) (2019). *30 years of child rights: A new impetus for humanity - 30 ans de droits de l'enfant: Un nouvel élan pour l'humanité!* (315 pages). Association 30 ans de droits de l'enfant: Sion, Valais. (ebook: <https://cdn.flipsnack.com/widget/v2/widget.html?hash=ujqx1ask9s>)
3. Jaffé, Ph.D. & Hirschi, C. (2018). The children of Geneva as resident citizens (334-347). In M. Michalak (Ed.), *The Rights of the Child Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow - the Korczak Perspective*. Warsaw, Poland: Binro Rzecznika Praw Dziecka.
4. Jaffé, Ph.D. & Sulima, S. (Eds.) (2017). Children Deprived of Liberty (special issue). *Today's Children, Tomorrow's Parents: An interdisciplinary journal*. No 45-46, 101 pages.
5. Zermatten, J., Riva Gapany, P., Jaffé, Ph.D., & Winter, R. (2017). *The Essentials of Juvenile Justice*. (423 pages). International Institute for the Rights of the Child, Sion, Switzerland.

CONFERENCES - WORKSHOPS (representative sampling of 500+)

1. *Treaty Body Reform - Lessons from the 84th Extraordinary Outreach Session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child*. Online panel discussion United Nations General Assembly Side Event. Organized by the Pacific Community - Communauté Pacifique. (2020, 23 September).
2. *The international legal framework of youth participation in public affairs and political processes*. Middle East - North Africa Regional Conference on the Right of Youth to Participate in Public Affairs (online). ROMENA Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. (2020, December 7).
3. *The role of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Committee on the Rights of the Child during public emergencies such as the COVID-19 pandemic*. Second National Summit on the Rights of the Child in Education (online), Department of Education, The Philippines. (2020, November 24).
4. *The Convention on the Rights of the Child: A source of inspiration for the ages*. University of South Pacific, Port Vila, Vanuatu. (2020, March 10).
5. *The vitality of the Convention on the Rights of the Child: From legal document to societal transformation*. IE University, Madrid, Spain. (2020, February 19).

A full academic CV and a complete list of publications is available at the website: www.jaffe.ch