



# Combatting Child Maltreatment

## Call for Proposals

The Haruv Institute ([www.haruv.org.il](http://www.haruv.org.il)), in collaboration with The Academic College of Law and Science ([www.mishpat.ac.il](http://www.mishpat.ac.il)), is delighted to launch and host the first international inter-disciplinary colloquium which will be dedicated entirely to combatting child maltreatment. This colloquium will take place in Israel over one week, from 18th September – 22nd September 2022.

The impact of child maltreatment is pervasive: in the classroom, on the healthcare system, on the legal system. To prevent, identify, and treat child maltreatment, a holistic approach is needed, unifying a variety of disciplines, including education, healthcare, law, and social work. Our experience with child maltreatment has taught us that different disciplines and professions use their own unique methodology, terminology, and perspectives. Our goal is to transcend professional boundaries, so that we can combine knowledge and unite our various strengths.

The colloquium is intended for mid-career individuals in the fields of law, medicine, education, social work, or treatment, who have gained experience with the challenges of identifying, preventing, and treating child maltreatment, and are dedicated to improving the lives of children. The purpose of this colloquium is to enrich and expand participant understanding of and insight into child maltreatment, and to provide participants with new practical, transferrable tools for use in their respective fields. The overarching goal of the colloquium is to generate improvement in the quality of care for children suffering from maltreatment, across disciplines and across the globe.

Utilising collaborative and interactive teaching methods, this colloquium will facilitate participant exchange of professional experiences and knowledge, offering deeper insight into a range of modern research-based methods for prevention, identification, and treatment of child abuse. This colloquium will provide keynote lectures, and the opportunity to participate in guided conversations, role play activities, and in group analysis of case studies.

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From among the applicants, approximately twenty professionals, from both Israel and abroad, will be invited to participate in the colloquium. Interested participants may also apply to present a group activity, case study, or guided discussion as part of the colloquium.

## Keynote Speakers

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- **Prof. Asher Ben-Arieh**  
Director of the Haruv Institute and Dean of the School of Social Work at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- **Prof. Ayelet Blecher-Prigat**  
Dean of the Law School at the Academic College of Law and Science
- **Atty. Lydia Rabinowitz**  
Head of Child Representation at the Legal Aid Department for the Israeli Ministry of Justice

## Application

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The cost of participation in this colloquium is \$200 (US Dollars) and participants must also cover their own travel expenses, including flights and local transportation. The Haruv Institute will cover participant accommodation and meals for the duration of the colloquium, but participants must cover any other expenses outside of this.

To apply to participate, individuals are required to submit a CV and a short personal essay; explaining the participant's motivation to participate in the colloquium, highlighting their potential to contribute, and giving information about their background and professional employment (~500 words). Please submit applications in English to Prof. Rhona Schuz via email: [rhona@mishpat.ac.il](mailto:rhona@mishpat.ac.il).

Participants also wishing to present a group activity, case study, or guided discussion, should briefly summarise and support these intentions within their short essay.

Applications will be reviewed by Prof. Ayelet Blecher-Prigat, Prof. Rhona Schuz, and Prof. Pamela Laufer-Ukeles, of The Academic College of Law and Science, and Prof. Carmit Katz and Atty. Ofra Ben-Meir, of the Haruv Institute.

## Important Dates

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**Application submission deadline:** 1st July 2022

**Applicants will find out about the status of their applications:** by 1st August 2022

**Colloquium will commence:** 18th September – 22nd September 2022

## Inquiries

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If you require any further information about this colloquium, or have any related queries, please contact [rhona@mishpat.ac.il](mailto:rhona@mishpat.ac.il)

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