



## **Publication Database – Concept and Approach**

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### **1. Design**

The publication database of the Children's Rights Knowledge Centre (KeKi) gathers and disseminates Flemish, Belgian and international scientific output with an explicit focus on children's rights. Aiming to be as exhaustive as possible, it involves both electronic and printed publications. The database distinguishes between research reports, articles and books. To this end, it employs the following definitions:

#### **Scientific publication**

A scientific publication is a public document that contributes to the development of new insights or applications. Scientific publications can have various forms:

##### **Research reports**

A research report presents the research question, methodology, results and possible recommendations from recently completed research. The publication database concentrates on non-Flemish children's rights research, as the relevant Flemish research reports are included in KeKi's research database. Research reports are usually not peer-reviewed.

##### **Articles**

An article is a contribution in a scientific journal in which the results of recent and ongoing research are announced. Unlike a research report, an article has generally been subject to review prior to its publication.

##### **Books**

A book is a stand-alone publication on one or more academic subjects in a wider area than an article. Books and book series can be reviewed or non-reviewed.

## 2. Substantive delineation

For an inventory database to be workable, clear boundaries have to be drawn as to which publications are included. This delineation implies difficult choices, often necessarily inherent to any selection procedure and personal preferences.

### Which publications are included?

By analogy with the KeKi research database, all publications must show an explicit, substantive focus on children's rights. In particular, at least one of the following criteria must be fulfilled:

- The main theme of the study explicitly refers to children's rights
- The publication discusses threats and/or abuses of children's rights
- The publication discusses interventions aimed at the improvement of children's rights
- Children's rights are used in the methodology of the publication (for example through extensive participatory research methods with children)
- The publication discusses child-friendly inquiries (e.g. child friendliness of cities, schools, etc.)
- The conclusions of the publication are relevant for children's rights, at least in Flanders, Belgium, Europe or worldwide.

### Which publications are not included?

Publications which do not fulfill any of the above-mentioned criteria, do not classify for the KeKi database. In particular, the following publications are *not* included:

- Publications on research into the causes of phenomena that indirectly affect children, but in which the explicit link to children's rights is missing (e.g. studies on the causes of poverty or bullying)
- Publications about the situation in a specific country (with the exception of Flanders/Belgium), in which the findings have no broader scope than within this country alone.

### Which publications are not included as a priority?

Despite falling outside the above-mentioned selection, other publications may contribute significantly to the scientific debate on children's rights, although their conclusions may not be directly applicable in Flanders and/or Belgium. Examples include comparative case studies between two countries (other than Belgium), studies on a specific children's rights theme in an entire region or continent (other than Europe), or studies which combine a specific geographical focus with a broad theoretical foundation.

Such publications are not a priority for the KeKi database. They can be taken up sporadically though, which means that in this respect, the database does not aim to be exhaustive.

### Which journal articles are included?

From a number of journals with a specific focus on children's rights, all articles are included in the publications database. Concretely, this concerns the *International Journal of Children's Rights*, *Tijdschrift voor Jeugd en Kinderrechten (TJK)*,<sup>1</sup> and *Journal du Droit des Jeunes*.

In addition, a list of journals in English, French and Dutch is screened on relevant articles on children's rights, and this from 2000 onwards (see Table 1). Articles that are relevant from a child rights perspective and meet the abovementioned criteria, are included. Articles which do not appear in this list but which do fulfill the selection criteria, can sporadically be included as well.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> TJK has been made available electronically since 2006 only. Older articles are generally not included.

<sup>2</sup> For example: output which arises in the framework of a Flemish research project which was included in KeKi's Flemish research database.

**Table 1 – Journals screened<sup>3</sup>**

Journals in Dutch	<p>Nieuw Juridisch Weekblad  Nullum Crimen  Panopticon  Rechtskundig Weekblad  Rechtspraak Antwerpen Brussel Gent  Tijdschrift voor Familie- en Jeugdrecht  Tijdschrift voor Familierecht  Tijdschrift voor Jeugdhulpverlening en Jeugdwerk  Tijdschrift voor Mensenrechten  Tijdschrift voor Strafrecht  Tijdschrift voor Vreemdelingenrecht  Tijdschrift voor Welzijnswerk</p>
Journals in French	<p>Journal des tribunaux  Revue de droit familial  Revue de droit pénal et de criminologie  Revue de jurisprudence de Liège, Mons et Bruxelles  Revue du droit des étrangers  Revue régionale de droit  Revue trimestrielle des droits de l'homme  Revue universelle des droits de l'homme</p>
Journals in English	<p>American Journal of Orthopsychiatry  American Psychologist  British Journal of Criminology  British Journal of Social work  British Journal of Sociology  Child Abuse &amp; Neglect  Child Abuse Review  Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal  Child Care in Practice  Child Development  Child Indicators Research  Childhood  Children &amp; Society  Children and Youth Services Review  Children's Legal Rights Journal  Early Childhood Education Journal  Family Law Quarterly  Human Rights Law Review  Human Rights Quarterly  International Journal of Child &amp; Family Welfare  International Journal of Child Rights Research and Education  International Journal of Early Childhood  International Journal of Early Years Education  International Journal of Law, Policy and the Family  International Journal of Social Welfare  International Journal of the Sociology of Law  International Social Work  Journal of Adolescence  Journal of Child and Family Studies  Journal of Child Health Care  Journal of Family Issues  Journal of Social Issues  Journal of Social Policy  Journal of Social Welfare and Family Law</p>

<sup>3</sup> This selection can possibly be enhanced over time, subject to KeKi's thematic choices and interests.

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### Which books are included?

The selection of books to be included in the KeKi database takes place on the basis of a pragmatic screening and follow-up of leading (inter)national publishers. In addition, all books reviewed in the *TJK* are included. Again, as a rule, books from before the year 2000 do not qualify.

To the extent possible, individual chapters in books are included as well, especially when these chapters are highly relevant from a children's rights perspective, but when the book as a whole does not explicitly focus on the rights of the child.

Book reviews are generally not part of the database.

## 3. Bottlenecks

To guarantee the protection of authors' and publishers' copyrights, the publications are not accessible in PDF-format, unless this has been explicitly permitted by the rights holder. For articles of *TJK*, however, KeKi and the publisher agreed that a full text can be made available with a delay of approximately one year.

## 4. Timeline and planning

The publications are uploaded in the spring of 2013. Then, the database will be officially launched on June 6, 2013, combined with a presentation of the Flemish research database and KeKi's forthcoming paper on 'research priorities'.

## 5. Contact

The KeKi database aims to be user-friendly and accessible. Should you have any questions, suggestions or requests for possible inclusion of certain publications, please do not hesitate to contact [sara.lembrechts@keki.be](mailto:sara.lembrechts@keki.be).

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