## The relevance of research on child rights jurisprudence Sergio RUIZ DÍAZ ARCE<sup>a</sup>

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Special protection measures are widely regarded as a response to the issue of justice in the context of the Rights of the Child. These protection measures are rooted in the immaturity, weakness and inexperience of the child. However, the content and scope of such measures are determined by a thorough analysis of the various types of problems for their application in each specific situation or context, thereby ensuring their effective implementation to protect children's rights. A comprehensive research analysis of the jurisprudence of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (IACHR), with a particular focus on its decisions concerning children's rights, has provided a better understanding of the content of these special protection measures. Thus, a broad spectrum of protection measures can be distinguished, as these are analysed and applied in relation to the problem raised in each specific case. It is possible to distinguish between protection measures aimed at guaranteeing the right to live in dignity and protection measures aimed at ensuring the judicial protection of minors. The impact of the decisions issued by the IACHR has made it possible, to a certain extent, to evaluate the protection mechanisms put in place by States. This activity may include a review of existing national legislation, the application of human rights standards at the national level, and the monitoring of compliance with judgments. In this sense, the role of academia in promoting child rights is to build bridges between courts and society through research on children's rights jurisprudence. This will contribute to the strengthening of national and international human rights systems by providing a set of updated inputs for the design of public policies and the development of legal protection instruments by States.

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