

Participatory Research and Children's Rights Approach in the Academic Sphere: A Polish Perspective

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This presentation undertakes a critical examination of the intersection of participatory research and children's rights approach within the context of university-based research. Through a combination of desk research and our longitudinal experience in childhood studies, we aim to introduce the notion of rights-based research as a paradigmatic shift in academic discourse. We will explore the methodological and ethical complexities and opportunities arising from the implementation of participatory research in contemporary childhood studies, with a specific focus on the Polish academic context. By employing a narrative approach, we will foreground the experiences, challenges, and needs of Polish scholars engaged in this type of research, with particular attention to the scientific value and practice-oriented implications of prioritizing children's rights to participate in research that directly affects them.

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