15th International Conference on Child and Adolescent Psychopathology

Kuching, Sarawak (on Borneo Island)
August 7 – 9, 2023
Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is an honour and privilege to welcome you to our 15th International Conference on Child and Adolescent Psychopathology (ICCAP) in Kuching, Sarawak (on Borneo Island), Malaysia. This is the second time that the ICCAP is being hosted in Kuching and outside of London, UK. We are excited to see that many of you have travelled from around the World, with 32 countries being represented.

The conference offers you a full social and scientific program that includes 14 keynote addresses, 1 experience-sharing lecture, 15 symposia, 10 in-conference workshops, 3 minor workshops, two poster sessions, 15 open paper sessions, pre-conference party, and a gala dinner.

We will also be launching our research project (Promoting mental health among at-risk adolescents in Malaysia; Funded by the Kavli Trust) and our new book (Handbook of Child and Adolescent Psychology Treatment Modules: Personalized Care in Behavior and Emotion. New York: Academic Press).

We wish to extend our deepest appreciation to the State Government of Sarawak and the Business Events Sarawak; Ministry of Tourism, Creative Industry and Performing Arts Sarawak; and Ministry of Public Health, Housing and Local Government Sarawak for supporting this conference.

I hope you all find time to explore the romantic history and charm of Kuching, the capital of Sarawak. Sarawak, famously known as the “Hidden Paradise of Borneo”, and with its rich cultures, heritage and natural wonders, offers an exotic range of attractions to see and things to do.

I wish you a stimulating conference and a pleasant stay in Kuching!

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Keynote Addresses

**Keynote Addresses**

**Day 1 – Monday (August 7, 2023)**

**Venue:** Colosseum 1 (level 1)

11:30 – 12:15  Mitigating negative mental health and educational impacts of COVID-19 preventative measures  
*Cecilia A. Essau* (University of Roehampton, UK)

12:15 – 13:00  Preventing overweight and obesity in preschoolers with a multi-component kindergarten-based behavioural intervention: ToyBox Study Malaysia  
*Poh Bee Koon* (Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, MALAYSIA)

13:45 – 14:30  The impact of attention, arousal and anxiety in the classroom for autistic and neurodivergent pupils  
*Deborah Riby* (Durham University, UK)

14:30 – 15:15  Neural sociometrics: Parent-infant neural social dynamics in early mental health and learning  
*Victoria Leong Vik Ee* (Nanyang Technological University, SINGAPORE)

15:15 – 16:00  Empowering youth: Celebrating culture and the art of cultural adaptation  
*Shanaya Rathod* (Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust, UK)

**Keynote Addresses**

**Day 2 – Tuesday (August 8, 2023)**

**Venue:** Colosseum 1 (level 1)

11:00 – 11:45  Treatment of obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) in children and adolescents: Improving access to care and child outcomes  
*Lara Farrell* (Griffith University, AUSTRALIA)

11:45 – 12:30  Emerging digital technologies and young people: Understanding the risks and benefits of the increasing intersections between gaming, gambling and speculative investments  
*Paul Delfabbro* (University of Adelaide, AUSTRALIA)

12:30 – 13:15  Drug use disorders and related problems among young people  
*Anja Busse* (United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, AUSTRIA)
14:00 – 14:45  Antisocial behaviour and callous-unemotional traits in children and adolescents in the school setting  
*Jennifer Allen* (University of Bath, UK)

14:45 – 15:30  Implementing sexual health education: The journey of bridging the know–do gap  
*Janet Wong Yuen-Ha* (Hong Kong Metropolitan University, HONG KONG)

**Experience-Sharing Lecture**  
Venue: Colosseum 1 (level 1)

15:30 – 16:00  Reframing what we think we know about Autism through my lived experience  
*Beatrice Leong* (Autism Inclusiveness Direct Action Group, MALAYSIA)

**Keynote Addresses**  
Day 3 – Wednesday (August 9, 2023)  
Venue: Colosseum 1 (level 1)

10:45 – 11:30  Depression and suicidal ideation and behaviour in adolescents  
*Susan H. Spence* (Griffith University, AUSTRALIA)

11:30 – 12:15  Genetic and environmental influences on mental health difficulties in young people with developmental language disorder  
*Umar Toseeb* (University of York, UK)

12:15 – 13:00  Cross-cultural similarities and differences in reporting autistic symptoms in toddlers  
*Toh Teck Hock* (SEGi University Sibu Clinical Campus & Sibu Hospital, Sarawak, MALAYSIA)

13:45 – 14:30  The importance of play in supporting children’s social and emotional wellbeing  
*Helen Dodd* (University of Exeter, UK)
# Workshops (Pre-registered)

## Workshops

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## PROGRAM AT A GLANCE - MONDAY

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### Parallel sessions 1 8:00 – 9:30 (Rooms)

- **Mini Workshop 1:** Articles and research grant writing (Olympia 1)
- **Symposium 1:** What and why these happen to our kids? Understanding emotional, behavioral and psychiatric disorders in kids and adolescents (Eiffel 1)
- **Open Papers 1:** Mental health problems and suicidal behavior (Eiffel 2)
- **Open Papers 2:** Special needs and inclusion (Machu Picchu)
- **Featured Research Program – Malaysia:** Substance use among Malaysian youths: Prevalence, prevention and intervention (part 1) (Colosseum 1)

### Parallel sessions 2 9:30 – 10:30

- **Symposium 2:** Autism and learning disorders (Eiffel 1)
- **Symposium 3:** Supporting resilience in children through understanding and promoting the parenting-child relationship (Olympia 1)
- **Symposium 4:** Children and young people’s experiences of domestic violence: Findings from two Australian studies (Machu Picchu)
- **Open Papers 3:** Mental health problems and mental health literacy across cultures (Eiffel 2)
- **Featured Research Program – Malaysia:** Substance use among Malaysian youths: Prevalence, prevention and intervention (part 2) (Colosseum 1)

### 10:30 – 11:00

Coffee break and Networking; Poster viewing

### 8:00 – 11:00

- **Workshop (pre-registered):** Preventing anxiety and depression in young people using the Super Skills for Life programme (Gizza)
- **Workshop (pre-registered):** Supporting Autistic Children’s Communication with Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) (Taj Mahal)

### 11:00 – 13:00

Opening ceremony (Colosseum 1)

- **Welcome and Keynote Address 1:** Mitigating negative mental health and educational impacts of COVID-19 preventative measures
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Symposium 14: From research to implementation to practice: Charting a new course for early childhood development in Singapore

Chair: Evelyn Tan (National University of SINGAPORE)
Venue: Colosseum 1

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Addressing an unmet need: Establishing a research-informed, multi-disciplinary centre for early child development

Cheryl Seah1,2, Moong Li Chu1, Evelyn Tan1,2, Keri McCrickerd1,3, Gayatri Kembhavi-Tam1,2, Shang Chee Chong1,4, Adrian Sandler1, Bryce McLeod5, Robyn Mildon1,2, & Esther Goh1,2
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4National University Hospital, SINGAPORE
5Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia, USA

16:30 – 16:45
Enhancing caregiving practices among grandparents: Co-development of the LEarning To Support Play (LET’S Play) programme and implementation strategies in Singapore

Moong Li Chu1, Cheryl Seah1,2, Evelyn Tan1,2, Keri McCrickerd1,3, Gayatri Kembhavi-Tam1,2, Shang Chee Chong1,4, Adrian Sandler1, Bryce McLeod5, Robyn Mildon1,2, & Esther Goh1,2
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From evidence to implementation: Enhancing social, emotional, behavioural and executive function outcomes for preschool children in Singapore through the EASEL approach

Evelyn Tan1,2, Cheryl Seah1,2, Moong Li Chu1, Keri McCrickerd1,3, Gayatri Kembhavi-Tam1,2, Shang Chee Chong1,4, Adrian Sandler1, Bryce McLeod5, Robyn Mildon1,2, & Esther Goh1,2
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Open Papers 8: Violence/Relational victimization/Callous-unemotional traits

**Chair:** Sinead Morrison (University of Bath, UK)
**Venue:** Olympia 1

16:15 – 16:30 The boy who risks his life to kill Jabberwocky

*Anita Codati*
Hospital Tunku Azizah (Women & Children’s) Kuala Lumpur, MALAYSIA

16:30 – 16:45 Suicidal risk in adolescents who assault their parents: Results from the EPISAM-School study

*Wala Ayad-Ahmed*¹, Adriana Garcia-Ramos², Maria Camila Varela-Mora², Claudia Sanchez-Gomez², Paula Arias-Rodriguez², Paola Marin-Santos², Alberto Sanchez-Fernandez-Quejo², Nicole Frontero³, Marta Velazquez⁴, Veronica Fernandez-Rodrigues¹,², & Alejandro de la Torre-Luque.¹,⁵

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16:45 – 17:00 "How do you sleep at night?" The association between stressful life events, sleep and callous-unemotional traits

*Sinead Morrison*, Rachael Bedford, & Jennifer Allen
University of Bath, UK
Open Papers 9: Preventing mental health disorders in young people

Chair: Bilge Uzun (Bahçeşehir University, TURKEY)
Venue: Eiffel 2

16:15 – 16:30 Effect of mindfulness-based “Super Skills for Exam Program” on test anxiety: Sample of Ugur Schools’ students in Turkey
Karadeniz, Ş.¹, Cetinkaya, O.², Alver, E.³, Yildiz, E.D.¹, Uzun, B.¹, & Essau, C.⁴
¹Bahçeşehir University, TURKEY
²Ugur Schools
³Turkish National Police Academy
⁴Roehampton University, UK

16:30 – 16:45 Childhood anxiety management: A feasibility trial of Super Skills for Life program in Pakistan
Nazia Mustafa & Aneela Maqsood
Fatima Jinnah Women University, PAKISTAN

16:45 – 17:00 Eye movement desensitization and reprocessing versus cognitive behavioral therapy: Which works better for post-traumatic stress disorder in Pakistan? A two-year longitudinal study
Anwar Khan & Amalia bt Madieh
Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, MALAYSIA

17:00 – 17:15 Framing the psychological well-being of residents in orphanage: A review
Nadzirah Mawi, Asma Perveen, & Hazalizah Hamzah
Sultan Idris Education University, MALAYSIA

17:15 – 17:30 Views on Sexual Education at Home: a qualitative exploration among Malaysian adolescents
Noor Azimah Muhammad¹, Teh Rohaila Jamil¹, Farah Umairah Sallehuddin², Rosnah Sutan¹, Khansa’ Abd Halim³, Wan Nur Baiti Sudin³, & Mohd Al Adib Samuri¹
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**Background and Aim:** Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) is a psychiatric disorder, triggered by traumatic events. Modern evidence-based psychotherapies, like, Eye Movement Desensitization & Reprocessing (EMDR) and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) have been used for the treatment of PTSD, however, little evidence exists regarding the comparative efficacy of these two psychotherapies, especially in Pakistan. Keeping this research gap in view, the current Randomized Controlled Pilot Study has determined the comparative efficacy of EMDR and CBT in Pakistan.

**Methods:** A Single-blinded two-group Randomized Controlled Pilot Study was adopted. Data were collected from (n:50) consecutive patients admitted in two mental health rehabilitation centers in Pakistan. Data were analysed both by descriptive and multivariate statistics.

**Results:** Findings revealed that PTSD symptoms gradually reduced from very high during baseline (i.e., CAPS-5 cumulative mean score 72.25) to very low at follow-up stage (i.e., CAPS-5 cumulative mean score 3.43), however, overall, the EMDR therapy was found to be non-inferior and more efficacious than CBT.

**Conclusion:** This study concludes that EMDR is more efficacious evidence-based psychotherapy for reducing PTSD symptoms, hence, this therapy can be successfully used for the management of PTSD in Pakistan.