

Nota Curricular



Jean Zermatten

Was President and Dean of the juvenile Court of the Canton of Valais (Switzerland) since 1980 to 2005; he is also the Founder and Director of the International Institute for the Rights of the Child (IDE) in Sion/Switzerland (www.childsrights.org). He left the Direction of the IDE in 2014, but remains active as senior scientific collaborator.

He has initiated and launched the Master on Children's Rights (MAS), in collaboration with the University of Fribourg and the Institut Universitaire Kurt Bösch and the Master interdisciplinaire en droits de L'Enfant (MIDE) with the University of Geneva, as well as various academic Diploma (DAS) and Certificates (CAS) on children's rights issues for professionals, in Switzerland and abroad. He is one of the co-directors of the Summer school in Children's Rights (University of Geneva) and of the MOOC "Children Human Rights: an interdisciplinary Introduction", 2007 (University of Geneva).

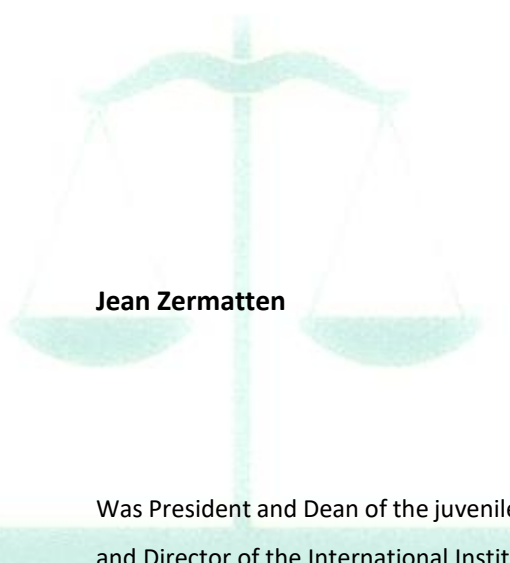
He teaches and lectures for different Universities in Switzerland: Fribourg Faculty of law, Geneva Faculty of Law and Interdisciplinary Centre on Children's Rights), Sion (Universitarian Institute Kurt Boesch), and High technical Schools: High Pedagogical School of Valais, of Vaud (Lausanne), High Social School (Geneva, Sierre, Lausanne...).

He leads several projects of training for professionals, in different countries, for example recently in Senegal, Bulgaria, Algeria, Burkina Faso, Senegal, Czech Republic...

He is used to work in different continents, including in Asia, Latin America and Africa and was a Member of the WAN (West Africa Network for children on the move, with the International Social Service). He is **Dr h.c.** from the University of Fribourg (2007) and from the University of Geneva (2014). He was a Member of the UN Committee for the Rights of the Child since 2005, Vice-Chair since 2007, and **Chairperson 2011-2013**.

Other relevant activities

- Charged by the Swiss Confederation to draft a Project for the 1st unified Law for the criminal Procedure for Children in conflict with the law (PPMin)
- Charged by the cantons from the Latin part of Switzerland to draft an inter-cantonal concordat on the implementation of measures for young offenders. This concordat has been accepted in October 2005
- Collaborated to the creation of the first Swiss children's rights network gathering more than 50 Swiss NGO
- Expert for different NGOs, in Juvenile Justice, Child Protection...



He was the President of the Swiss Society for the Juvenile Judges as well as the President of the International Association of Youth and Family Judges and Magistrates (IAMYF) from 1994 to 1998.