

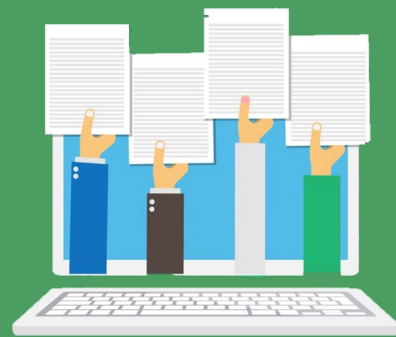
3RD FEPS-UNICEF JOINT CONFERENCE ON “CHILD AND ADOLESCENT WELLBEING IN EGYPT”



Call for Papers for

3rd and 4th year Undergraduate students & MSc students

The best two papers will be awarded **15,000 EGP** per paper and an additional **25,000 EGP** if the paper is accepted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal within one year of the conference



ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

DEADLINE

MAR 31



Applicants shall submit their abstracts and full papers or send their inquiries to: unicefconference_2024@feps.edu.eg

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Background

Children and adolescents are the future of every country, and therefore, their wellbeing should be on top of every society's priorities. Egypt, the most populous Arab country, is home to a large child population. With more than one-third of total population under the age of 18, addressing the challenges facing children and adolescents in Egypt is of paramount importance, not only for the country's present but for its future stability and prosperity as well.

Many Egyptian children, however, continue to suffer from considerable vulnerabilities that threaten their healthy development. While access to basic services like healthcare and education have increased in recent decades, significant inequalities persist and new challenges have emerged. Many children still face poverty, malnutrition, and inequality of opportunity, with vulnerabilities further exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic and the global economic downturn stemming from the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

Pre-existing educational disparities were intensified by the pandemic, as prolonged school closures increased learning losses and dropout rates, particularly for students from low-income families with limited digital access. Rising living expenses and job losses linked to both crises have also had a detrimental impact on household incomes, pushing more families into poverty and raising the risks of malnutrition, child labor, early marriage, and domestic violence due to financial strains.

As these crises interwind with the pre-existing vulnerabilities, prioritizing children's wellbeing has never been more critical. Research aiming to analyze or alleviate the adverse conditions and challenges faced by children and adolescents in Egypt becomes, therefore, crucial to feed policy discussions and provide policymakers with evidence-based input to help shape their decisions.

Against this backdrop, FEPS and UNICEF are delighted to invite FEPS junior, senior, and Masters students to submit original unpublished papers to be presented at the 3rd joint Conference on **“Child and Adolescent Wellbeing in Egypt”**, to be held in Cairo in November 2024.

2 Call for Papers

The call for papers focuses specifically on research that aims at improving the lives of children and adolescents living in Egypt. Topics of interest include, **but are not limited to:**

- Child health and nutrition
- Early childhood development
- Violence against children/ girls
- Mental health and psychosocial wellbeing
- Multidimensional/monetary child poverty
- Learning losses and educational disparities
- Community engagement and out-of-school programs
- Child labor/ Child marriage
- Children with disabilities
- Digital safety challenges
- Children on the move
- Girls' empowerment
- Media influence

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Who Can Apply?

The Call for Papers is open to **FEPS 3rd and 4th year Undergraduate students and MSc students.**

- All junior and senior students (3rd and 4th year undergraduate students) as well as Masters students enrolled at FEPS by the time of the submission are welcomed to apply.
- Applicants are encouraged to apply in groups of 2 members or more, although individual applicants are also welcomed. At least one member of the group must be a junior, a senior or a Masters student enrolled at FEPS.

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Submission and Selection Procedure

- To facilitate the submission and the subsequent follow-up process, please consider the below guidelines and deadlines. Submissions that fail to fulfill these minimum requirements will not be considered.
- The selection of abstracts and full papers will be carried out by a scientific committee composed of FEPS professors and UNICEF experts.
- All full papers will go through a plagiarism check through a specialized software.

1st step: Abstract Submission

Max 500 Words, arial 12, Harvard referencing, space 1.5.

4 sections (Problem statement, Research questions, Methodology, and Data)

Deadline: 31 Mar 2024

Feedback: by 15 Apr 2024

2nd Step: Full Paper Submission

For invited applicants, submission of a full paper: 7,000-10,000 words, arial 12, Harvard referencing, space 1.5. The word count excludes annexes, references, graphs, and other visuals.

Deadline: 1 Sep 2024

Feedback: by 1 Oct 2024

3rd Step: Presentation at Conference

Authors of accepted papers will be invited to present them at the conference.

Conference to be held in Nov 2024

5 Rewards

The best two papers will be awarded a financial reward of **15,000 EGP** per paper and an additional **25,000 EGP** if the paper is accepted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal within one year of the conference.

6 Contact Us

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