



## Psychological impact of detention on children in migration

**Monday 23 January 2023**  
**14.30-16.00**

Radisson Red Hotel, Brussels / on-line

Detention has a severe impact on a child's mental and physical health and well-being. It can often result in long-term health problems and can have a serious impact on a person's life and on their future relationship to society. Nevertheless, the argument that detention of children is not harmful or in violation of their rights because they are detained in "good conditions" or for a short period of time, continue to resonate in the debate surrounding migration, asylum and return. Immigration detention of children – although expressly prohibited in international law – is still the norm in a lot of EU countries.

This debate brings together highly respected international and national experts, from the field of child psychology, who will discuss their own findings or present relevant research on the impact of detention on children. This event is part of the [CADRE project](#) implemented in 2021-2023 by the International Commission of Jurists and partners.

To attend **please register** [here](https://forms.gle/Ce4XdLUT9wv5D1e96) by 12 January 2023: <https://forms.gle/Ce4XdLUT9wv5D1e96>

Moderator: Zsolt Szekeres, Hungarian Helsinki Committee

Speakers:

- **Soorej Puthooppambil, Ph.D**, Head of the World Health Organization (WHO) collaborating center at Uppsala University and author of a recent WHO study addressing the health challenges in immigration detention, and alternatives to detention
- **Dr. Mimosa Dimitrova**, Psychotherapist, psychologist and former director of Assistance center for torture survivors, Bulgaria
- **Dr. Juliet Cohen**, Independent Forensic Physician, UK