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**Abstract**

[A child rights approach to child protection](#)

Article 19 of the CRC gives the child a right to protection from violence, abuse and neglect, and the child welfare system of each country is essential in upholding this right. Implementing the right to protection implies taking into account the general principles of the Convention, including the child's right to be heard and the best interests of the child, as well as all other relevant rights. The speaker will present a child rights approach to child protection as developed by the Committee on the Rights of the Child and discuss some dilemmas and challenges in this regard, with a particular focus on the Nordic countries.

**Bio**

Kirsten Sandberg is Professor of Law at the University of Oslo, Department of Public and International Law. She is a member of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child 2011-2019, serving as the Committee's chairperson 2013-2015 and its general rapporteur 2015-2017. Her research focus is on child law and children's rights, with a particular focus on child protection, and she has published and presented extensively on children's rights. She teaches child law, public administration law and social welfare law. Professor Sandberg has served as acting Justice in the Supreme Court of Norway and has worked in the Legal Department of the Norwegian Ministry of Justice.