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- LORENZ'S (2007, P. 608)
 APPROACH THAT SOCIAL
 WORK HISTORY IS 'A DYNAMIC
 WEAVING OF A MULTIPLICITY
 OF DIFFERENT STRANDS OF IDENTITY.'
 - OFTEN WESTERNISED
 - SET WITHIN COLONIAL HISTORIES

1. Functional children

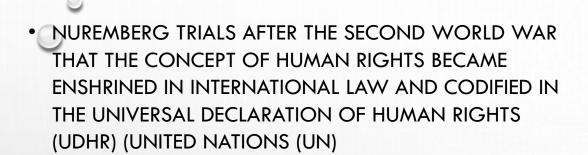
Children, economy and industrialisation
Children as 'cannon fodder': growing the militia
Children as (re)producers of the next generation: socialising sexualities and gender

2. Problematising children

Children as 'bastards' – inheritance stealers Children as deserving or underserving: eligibility, class and conformity

The National Socialist solution to disabled children and the eugenics movement

The growth of children's rights and the 'problem' of parents



- THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS (ALIGNS WITH WESTERN INDIVIDUALISM)
- THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS (MORE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC)

Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), which all UN member countries, except the United States of America, have signed up to

'Dr Doolittle's Pushmi-Pullyu'

Protected from and enabled to...

CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES AND HUMAN RIGHTS: AMBIVALENCE

- THE GREATEST MAJORITY OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES ARE LOCATED IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD,
 INCLUDING SOME GULF COOPERATION COUNTRIES (MILAAT ET AL. 2001)
- COMMITMENT TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN TERMS OF ACCESS TO APPROPRIATE
 RESOURCES AND EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY CAN BE DEEPLY COMPROMISED BY POVERTY AND CIVIL
 CONFLICT (NAHAL ET AL. 2018) (DISABILITY RIGHTS UK, 2022; BBC
 2022 https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/world-europe-61325277)
- CHILDREN WHO BECOME DISABLED THROUGH THEIR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN WAR CAN SOMETIMES BE TRANSFORMED INTO HEROIC FIGURES AS HAS BEEN FOUND PALESTINE (ASHENCAEN CRABTREE AND WILLIAMS, 2012; PARKER AND ASHENCAEN CRABTREE, FORTHCOMING)
- THERE IS ALSO A STRONG INTERSECTIONAL DIMENSION AT PLAY IN TERMS OF GENDER + DISABILITY +
 POVERTY + SOCIO-RELIGIO CULTURE FEMALE CHILDREN AND WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES MAY EXPERIENCE
 THE MOST NEGLECT AND HAVE THE LEAST OPPORTUNITIES (BOUKHARI. 2007; PARKER & ASHENCAEN
 CRABTREE, 2018))

INCLUSIVE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES UNDER THE EDUCATION FOR ALL (EFA) GLOBAL ACTION PLAN (2000 UNESCO, UNICEF AND WORLD BANK)

- DIFFICULT TO MEET (ASHENCAEN CRABTREE AND WILLIAMS 2010).
- SOCIAL UPHEAVAL AND CIVIL CONFLICT IN AFGHANISTAN, COUPLED WITH DEEP GENDER OPPRESSIONS, WILL SEVERELY DELAY THIS GOAL FOR AN UNFORESEEABLE PERIOD. THE CLIMATE CRISIS WHICH IS HITTING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THAT HARDEST IN TERMS OF SUSTAINABILITY AND RESOURCE EQUALITY CAN ONLY DEEPEN THESE SOCIAL DIVISIONS BETWEEN THE ABLE BODIED AND THE DISABLED AND THESE INCREASINGLY ARE LIFE AND DEATH CONSIDERATIONS (PARKER AND ASHENCAEN CRABTREE, FORTHCOMING).

- ATTITUDES TOWARDS CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES ARE STRONGLY SHAPED BY CULTURE AND MEDIATED BY EDUCATION.
- RESEARCH INTO THE NEGLECTED TOPIC OF CARE-GIVING ARAB FAMILIES OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES IN THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (UAE) (ASHENCAEN CRABTREE, 2007A).
- STIGMA AND RESISTANCE
- MOTHERS, FEMALE RELATIVES, DOMESTIC STAFF RESPONSIBILITY AND SHAME; REPUDIATION
- RECENT RESEARCH INTO BEDOUIN MOTHERS CARING FOR CHILDREN WITH DEVELOPMENTAL
 DISABILITIES SUPPORTED OR OTHERWISE BY ISRAELI STATE SERVICES, ADDITIONALLY THE
 STRONG STIGMATISATION OF BOTH CHILD AND MOTHER BY PROXY (MANOR-BINYAMINI &
 SCHREIBER-DIVON, 2021).



UMM AMIRA

- 'MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME THAT I AM A GIFT FROM GOD. SHE TOLD ME I WILL WALK IN HEAVEN AND WILL GAIN LATER WHATEVER I HAVE LOST IN THIS LIFE. (GIRL, 7).' (NAHAL ET AL., 2018, P. 59)
- WHERE THERE IS DEEP SOCIAL EXCLUSION AND FEW PROSPECTS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES, MOTHERS PARTICULARLY MAY SEEK HOPE FOR THEIR CHILDREN IN HEAVEN, AS THIS POIGNANT QUOTE ILLUSTRATES.
- ASHENCAEN CRABTREE'S (2007B) STUDY ALSO NOTED MATERNAL RESISTANCE: CHILD'S DISABILITY FRAMED AS A
 PARENTAL TEST OF FAITH. THE EXAMPLE OF 'UMM AMIRA' IS INSTRUCTIVE. 'UMM' IS BOTH A NAME AND A PUBLIC
 MARKER OF A WOMAN'S STATUS AS A MOTHER. 'UMM' MEANS 'MOTHER OF' AND IT IS NORMAL FOR WOMEN IN THE
 PATRIARCHAL ETHOS OF THE UAE TO TAKE THE NAME OF THE FIRST-BORN SON.
- IN TWO CASES IT WAS THE NAME OF THE DISABLED DAUGHTER THAT WAS TAKEN BY HER DEFIANT MOTHER, A
 PROFOUNDLY RESONANT PUBLIC STATEMENT OF AFFIRMATION AND CHALLENGE OF INTERSECTIONAL OPPRESSIONS.



	Primary action	Secondary action	Tertiary action
Children	Empowering children to prevent	Working with organisations to	Providing children with the
	harm and abuse or enabling	promote voice	means and understanding to be
	growth and development		political
Families, groups and	Providing education, support	Working with organisations to	Encouraging and enabling
communities	and assistance	promote dignity, freedom and	political involvement
		equality	
Political structures	Service evaluation and	Direct political campaigning	Direct political campaigning
	research; including the voice of	and lobbying in organisations	and lobbying at political party
	the child	and social services	level



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