

GLOBAL HEALTH WEBINAR SERIES

Professor Taryn Young, Head of the Department of Global Health at Stellenbosch University, cordially invites you to a seminar on

Is it Time for a Child Development Revolution?

Facilitated by Prof Mark Tomlinson, Institute for Life Course Health Research

Wednesday, 27 March 2024, 15:00 – 16:00pm

Join via MS Teams



SPEAKER:
BENJAMIN PERKS

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Given emerging evidence on the power of parenting programmes, parental leave, and early intervention to boost attachment and nurturing care and break costly intergenerational cycles of trauma, is it time for a Child Development Revolution in which every family gets a minimum package of development support? A discussion on the case for a child development revolution globally.

All are welcome!

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Benjamin Perks is the Head of Campaigns and Advocacy in the Division of Global Communications and Advocacy at the United Nations Children's Fund, based in New York. He leads public and policy advocacy on the development and protection of children.

He previously served in human rights diplomacy roles as the UNICEF Representative and UN Resident Coordinator ad interim to both the Republic of North Macedonia and the Republic of Montenegro. In both capacities he advocated for reforms to fulfil international human rights commitments and realization of the Sustainable Development Goals.

He has served in Georgia, Kosovo, Afghanistan, India, and Albania. He coordinated the Back-to-School campaign in the Northern Afghanistan which brought 3 million children, including 1 million girls, into school-most of them for the first times in their lives. He has led work on demobilization of child soldiers, deinstitutionalization of children in state care, addressing child poverty, pre-school expansion and disability inclusion.

Ben is Senior Fellow at the Jubilee Centre at the University of Birmingham in the UK, which researches education policy on character, social and emotional development of children and an Associate Faculty Member at Oxford University Department of Social Policy and Innovation . He is recognized as a public speaker and campaigner on ending child trauma. His book *Attachment Revolution* will be published in early 2025. His TedX talk on Adverse Childhood Experiences can be found [here](#) and a recent commentary in Nature Journal [here](#).

