Young people’s human rights and well-being: the forms of resistance and children’s participation in South America

South America is a diverse continent where challenges affect the well-being of children and young people. This lecture examines the strong remnants of oligarchical power that favor the upper classes in political structures. It examines the impacts of poverty, violence, and the current crises of governance in the region on the lives of young people. This will be done in the context of the children’s rights established by law in the 1990s including their rights to participate in decisions about their lives. Finally, it describes efforts at reform of children’s policies and practices.

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