

Winter Seminar 2025

Interdisciplinary Workshop and Short Study Programme

24-28 February 2025

Széchenyi István University Faculty of Law – Győr, Hungary

Children in the 21st century are growing up in a digital world, and their lives and everyday activities are fundamentally shaped by their interaction with cyberspace. Risks and harms to children are also present in the digital environment, which requires a response from states, international organisations, NGOs and private individuals to protect children and ensure their rights. Winter Seminar 2025, commemorating the 35th anniversary of the entry into force of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, dedicates workshops and lectures to multiple aspects of being a child in the age of cyberspace.

Winter Seminar 2025 - Digital Child Protection

Growing up in the digital world: protecting children and children's rights in cyberspace

Law, Business, IT and Governance



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Supervisor of the Winter Seminar

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Co-ordinator

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assistant lecturer

Name of the programme	Tuition fee	Duration of the programme	Total number of participants	Venue of the programme
WINTER SEMINAR (DIGITAL CHILD PROTECTION)	250 EUR (for foreign participants the price includes accommodation for 4 nights)¹	2024/2025 spring semester 40 hours	10-25 person	Győr

The aim of the programme:

The aim of the programme is to promote children's rights in the digital environment by increasing the knowledge of professionals and future professionals about the opportunities and risks of the digital world.

The programme will be organised by the Deák Ferenc Faculty of Law and Political Sciences of Széchenyi István University in February 2025 within the framework of the Winter Seminar. The length of the programme will be 40 hours with lectures and workshops in English.

During the programme, participants will acquire a comprehensive knowledge of:

- the regulation of social media, its impact on children and solutions of reparation available in case of violation of children's rights through social media (lecture)
- trends in cybercrime affecting and specifically targeting children, possible ways of preventing crimes and raising children's awareness of their rights (lecture)
- the growing addiction to video games, the positive and harmful effects of video games and video game regulation in the context of the changing media consumption habits of children (workshop)
- the impact of growing up in the digital environment on children's mental health and psychological development (workshop)
- on children's fundamental rights and their exercise and limitations in the digital environment (presentation)
- on the operation of hotlines for the protection of children and the experience gained in their functioning in relation to harms and risks to children (visit to an institution, workshop)
- UNICEF's role in raising children's awareness and the importance of children's participation (workshop)
- the international framework of legislation to protect children in the digital environment and the need for States to play an active role in this field (workshop)
- protecting children's privacy in the digital environment (institutional visit, workshop).

¹ The University provides accommodation for the participants of the programme.

At the end of the 40-hour programme, participants should produce an essay, a micro-project or a presentation. During the programme, participants could visit the Parliament and the National Media and Infocommunications Authority as part of an organised excursion.

Audience (recommended input assumption):

- Graduate professionals working with children, from any field of training, with a special emphasis on legal and pedagogical training.
- Professionals employed in companies operating according to the principles of corporate social responsibility.
- Students enrolled in a higher education institution for a bachelor's, master's or postgraduate course.

The interface of the programme content: the SZE-learning system of the University.

The Széchenyi István University issues a certificate of completion of the programme.

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Date of the Winter Seminar: 24-28 February 2025

Application deadline: 19 January 2025

Formal requirements:

- Professional CV
- Recent photograph
- English language certificate
- Bachelor Degree/ Student Status Certificate of your ongoing
- Transcript of Records of Bachelor Degree

Preliminary Programme of Winter Seminar 2025

Monday (24 Feb.)

12.00-13.30 Registration

14.00-14.30 Introduction

14.30-15.30 Keynote

15.30-16.00 Q&A, discussion

Tuesday (25 Feb.)

10.00-11.15 Keynote

11.15-11.50 Q&A, discussion

13.00-15.00 Workshop

Wednesday (26 Feb.)

7.30 Trip to Budapest

9.30 Visit to the House of the Nations, the Parliament of Hungary

14.00-15.30 Visit to the National Media and Infocommunications Authority

15.30 Sightseeing in Budapest

20.00 Back to Győr

Thursday (27 Feb.)

10.00-11.15 Keynote

11.15-11.50 Q&A, discussion

13.00-15.00 Workshop

Friday (28. Feb.)

10.00-12.00 Participants present their micro-projects related to the protection of children in cyberspace

13.00-14.00 Conclusions, certificate, farewell