



Family Justice Conference
How Much Are Children Owed? □ Towards a Comprehensive Account
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Scholars working on childhood and the family within philosophical, legal and sociological perspectives often address the question of what children are owed, whether by their parents, educators or society at large. While it is generally thought that both children's well-being and agency interests should be well-served by those who are responsible for their care, however, we do not have a well-worked out account of how to establish the limits and demandingness of the duties that parents or others have towards children, and of how to allocate those duties.

This conference aims to explore a set of questions that must be addressed in order to develop such an account. Do children, either against their parents or society at large, have rights to the conditions for a minimally good life, or to those needed to ensure they have an equal opportunity with their contemporaries? Do they have rights to as good a set of conditions as their parents, consistently with respecting others' claims, are able to offer them? Should the claims of children be seen as part of a person's lifetime claims, so that, in order to ascertain what children are owed, we should ask how a person would prudentially allocate her fair share of resources or opportunities across her lifetime?



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