

## PhD Confirmation Seminar: Katitza Marinkovic

### Is there a space for Participatory Action Research with Children in Disaster Risk Reduction Programs?

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**Venue:** Room 516, Level 5, 207 Bouverie Street, University of Melbourne

Participatory Action Research with Children (cPAR) seeks to promote children's right to participate in decision-making affecting them, but faces significant challenges in Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR). This study aims to explore the potential for cPAR in DRR programs in Australia. The PhD study will include involvement by a panel of child co-researchers; analysis of a DRR program involving children in Australia and Chile; and interviews with key informants from DRR programs across Australia.

Katitza has participated in outreach and research projects focused on child wellbeing and disaster risk reduction at schools. As member of CIGIDEN (Chilean National Research Centre for the Integrated Management of Natural Disasters), she participated in the Chilean-Japanese collaboration to develop a Chilean mental health model for emergencies and disasters. Between 2010 – 2011, she worked as a clinical psychologist in the town of Constitucion, VII Region, Chile, after the earthquake and tsunami of 2010.

