

Professor Sandberg is currently participating in research cooperation between the Law Faculty in Oslo and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences in Beijing, on the implementation of treaties on economic, social and cultural rights in the two countries.

In her work as a lawyer, Professor Sandberg aims to interpret the Convention in a rights-based way and to recommend best practice in terms of the principles of the Convention. Coming from one of the Nordic countries where the engagement for children's rights and welfare is traditionally very strong, she will have a great deal to offer the Committee.



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Kirsten Sandberg

**NORWEGIAN CANDIDATE TO THE
COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD**



Professor Kirsten Sandberg has been nominated as Nordic candidate to the Committee on the Rights of the Child at the election to be held during the thirteenth meeting of the States Parties to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in New York on 21 December 2010.

Ms Sandberg is Professor of Law at the Law Faculty of the University of Oslo, where she has specialised in child law over the last 25 years. She has a distinguished record as a lawyer, senior researcher and international expert in the field of children's rights. Professor Sandberg has taken a close interest in the CRC since its adoption in 1989, and has followed the activities of the Committee closely, making use of their general comments and concluding observations in her daily work.

As part of her research, Professor Sandberg has co-edited a comprehensive study of the CRC and its implementation in Norway, and written articles on topics including the right of children to be heard, discrimination against children and the rights of children who are asylum-seekers.

She is currently heading a research project on children's rights in Norway, including the right to participate in decision-making and the supervision of a thesis on the interpretation of children's freedom of religion. She has recently completed an article on the prohibition of physical punishment of children in Norway, which is shortly to be published as part of a book.

Professor Sandberg also has extensive international experience. She spent the autumn term of 2009 as a visiting fellow at the European University Institute in Florence. In 1986, she spent two months at the University of Chicago, and in 1988 she was part of a delegation from the Norwegian Ministry of Development Cooperation to Costa Rica to discuss equal status law.

Professor Sandberg also lectured in women's and child law for female lawyers from southern and eastern Africa in Oslo and Harare in the period 1987-90. She was Norway's representative on the Council of Europe Expert Committee against terrorism in 1981-82, while working in the Legal Department of the Ministry of Justice.