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We would like to call your attention to this CFP for a special issue in the Children's Geographies Journal. This might be of particular interest to those conducting research on urban childhoods in Latin American contexts.

CFP Children's Geographies Special Issue:

Crisis in Latin America: symptoms and consequences for urban Children and Youth

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Latin America is experiencing a profound process of social change. In different forms and with different intensities, the social unrest in the last five years and more current global events have challenged the models of development which, despite achieving relative progress in recent decades, are still reproducing historical divisions and injustices. This social discontent is (re)shaping relationships of power, the public sphere, and the everyday lives and experiences of children and young people living in Latin American cities. This sequence of events asks us to rethink the place of children and young people within local and global processes (Aitken, 2013). Moreover, it invites us to rethink the role of children and young people as part of this social process. Either as passive agents who cope with injustices and obstacles in urban public spaces or as active agents of public citizenship demonstrations, claiming their right to better societies.

Wells (2017) suggested that the political and economic structures surrounding children and young people's everyday lives are increasingly constraining their agency. This special issue invites papers that aim to critically interrogate how children and young people experience urban constraints, navigate local landscapes, and engage with social movements within their own agency in Latin America. Proposals may explore the experiences of children and youth in current changing social, economic and political settings including the effects of political unrest, cost of living, higher rates of poverty, climate change, school desertion, and the COVID-19 pandemic on children's everyday lives.

We seek to explore the practical and theoretical implications of the ongoing changing Latin American landscape for children and the youth. We aim to discuss urban childhoods in convoluted times examining the interconnectedness of their lives (Holloway and Valentine, 2000) and the way their everyday lives are structured and shaped by local processes. Ultimately, we seek to contribute to a better understanding of the lives of children within the Region.

Contributions may include but are not limited to:

- The role(s) of children and young people in the process of social change.
- Children and young people's urban everyday experiences within a local landscape of social unrest.
- Living in social unrest and the coping strategies in which children navigate the urban space
- Civic and social participation of children/youth in public space.
- Children's everyday use and appropriation of the public space.
- Spatial discourses of children and young people's everyday subjective and emotional experiences.
- Dreams and expectations for children and young people's future societies and cities
- Children and young people's perspectives and vision for the urban realm.

Keywords: Latin America, Social Unrest, Children, Youth, Everyday Experiences, Urban Childhoods

Instructions for Authors:

Authors interested in submitting a paper for this issue are to submit their abstracts of no more than 250 words, with a tentative title to

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