Guidelines for Authors

Post-conference monograph of the International Scientific Conference
Sharenting and Children's Rights in European and East African Perspectives
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1. The monograph

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- Publication is free of charge for the authors of papers presented at the conference.
- **Deadline: 15 December 2026**. Chapters should be sent to elzbieta.perzycka-borowska@usz.edu.pl.

2. Originality

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3. Length and format

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UN Committee on the Rights of the Child. (2021). *General comment No. 25 (2021) on children's rights in relation to the digital environment* (CRC/C/GC/25). United Nations.

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