This workshop will demonstrate best practices in the field by NGO’s providing education to some of the most disadvantaged children: the displaced in refugee camps in Jordan; the poor in Jamaica; and underserved populations in Ghana. The second part will present the latest information and communication technologies (ICT’s); how to facilitate and support this education (including emergency); how to improve the quality of training and teaching of educators; and how

**Moderators:**

**Maria Pia Belloni** - UN Representative of the World Organization for Early Childhood Education (OMEP); member NGO Committee on Education and NGO Committee on Migration; Former Professor of European Union Law, University of Pavia (Italy); Alumna of the College of Europe, Bruges (Belgium)

**Joseph DeMeyer** - UN Representative of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI); Co-Chair NGO Committee on Education; Committee member Psychology Coalition at the UN (PCUN); Psychologist/Psychoanalyst in private practice.

**PRESENTORS (IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE)**

**Amber Eriksson:** Youth Representative of the World Organization for Early Childhood Education (OMEP); Graduate of Brooklyn College in Psychology and Children & Youth Studies.

**PRESENTATION**

"Beyond the ABC's: Mental Wellbeing Education in the Za'atari Refugee Camp"
Donna Akilah Wright  New York Representative of the World Organization for Early Childhood Education (OMEP). Donna has been an educator for over thirty years; was the co-founder of Sparks of Genius, an early childhood education center.

Elizabeth Akua-Nyarko Patterson, MPA  Founder and executive director of the Girls education Initiative of Ghana, GEIG. GEIG’s mission is to provide academic and financial support for girls including applicants with special needs, so they may access secondary, higher education, and professional opportunities.

Carol Kennedy  Educational Technology Consultant and former Program Director/Assistant Professor of Technology and the Special Education Graduate Teacher Education Program at LIU Rockland Graduate Center.

Christopher G. Brinton  Youth Representative and PhD Candidate of Electrical Engineering at Princeton University

Workshop Co-Sponsors: the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI); the World Organization for Early Childhood Education (OMEP); the NGO Committee on Education; the NGO Committee on Migration; the Psychology Coalition at the UN (PCUN).

What people can expect to learn: "Effective methods of education for disadvantaged children in three distinctive circumstances; with support by the latest information and communication technologies"

"An Elementary School Intervention paradigm using low end technology to promote Student Centered Literacy Instruction for preschoolers to second graders in Jamaica”.

“Education for ALL”- equal access to education in Ghana

This presentation will highlight some of the causes to the disparity in access to education for girls and persons with disabilities/different abilities.

Teaching and Learning with Technology for all learners to provide Equity and Access: a Human Right in the Digital Age”.

This presentation will discuss the various challenges posed by Massive Open Online Courses MOOC, as well as the opportunities for research and innovation to enhance the efficacy of these courses."