

The COPINE Project

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Summary: Each new technological advance has brought with it abusive practices towards children. This is also the case for the Internet. This article describes the collaborative work of the COPINE research project in the context of how children are made vulnerable through the new technologies. It focuses on images as evidential material, the primacy of child victims, and the behaviour of offenders in their engagement with abuse images. Finally, the challenges and difficulties in developing systematic assessment and intervention materials will be explored.

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