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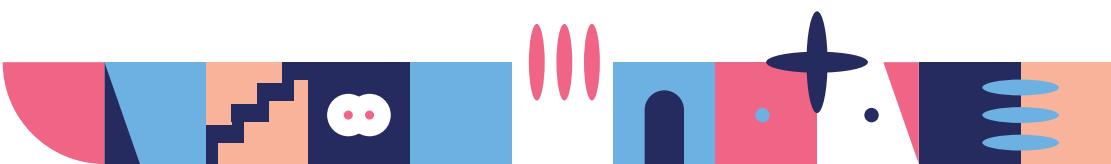
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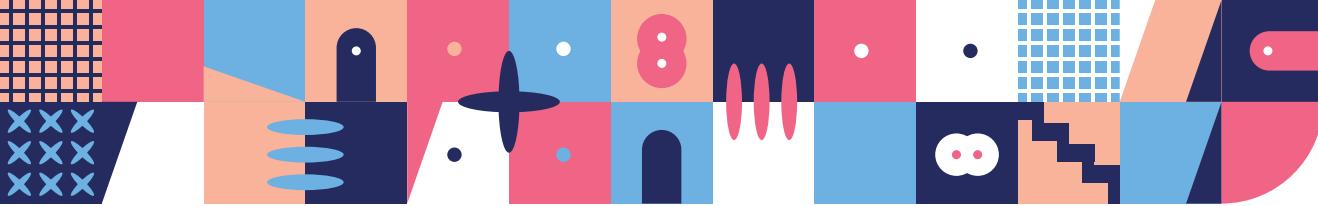
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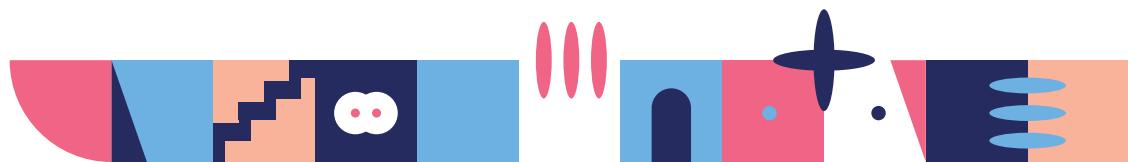
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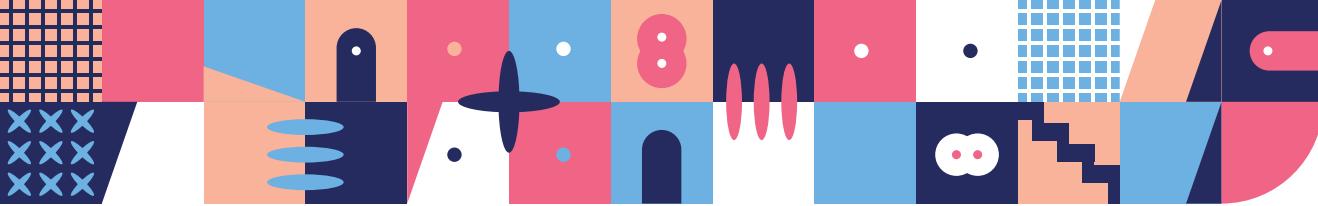
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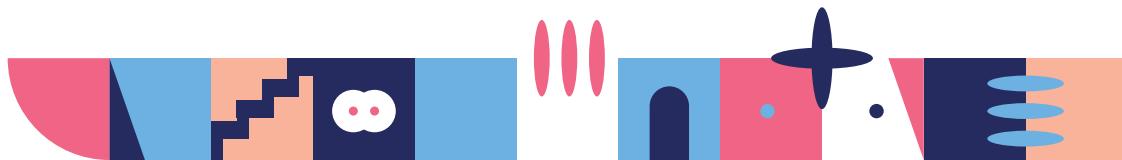
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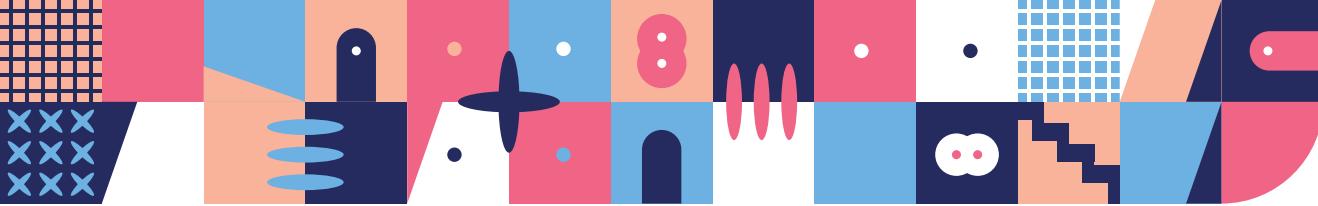
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# GROWING UP IN THE DARK: CHILDHOOD AND EDUCATION OF VISUALLY IMPAIRED CHILDREN IN SOCIALIST YUGOSLAVIA – A CASE STUDY

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To understand the characteristics and development of education systems for visually impaired children, it is crucial to explore the effects of various historical and social processes. This study applied an interdisciplinary approach combining historical and social science theories and methodologies. It aimed to explore the childhood and education of visually impaired individuals in socialist Yugoslavia by combining historical sources and life narratives to understand how broader social, cultural, and political contexts shaped their experiences and perceptions of disability. Firstly, the early childhood period was examined to obtain insights into the educational practices and social relations in the family and the wider community. Secondly, the study focused on the process of transition from the family to the boarding school, which exemplified the segregated special education system. Thirdly, the organization of and social relations within the special education system in socialist Yugoslavia were investigated from the user perspective. The research was based on a qualitative methodology employing interview techniques. The collected data were narratively analyzed. This research sheds greater light on the lived experiences of visually impaired individuals during the late socialist period in Yugoslavia by integrating archival sources and personal narratives. By focusing on early childhood, family dynamics, institutional education, and societal attitudes, the study reveals how social, political, and cultural factors shaped the opportunities, challenges, and identities of visually impaired children. The findings highlight the crucial role of historically and socially constructed perceptions of disability and suggest that these perceptions had long-term impacts on individuals' life courses, access to education, and social inclusion.

**Keywords:** education of visually impaired children, childhood, socialist Yugoslavia, oral history and life stories

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