CONFERENCE ‘THE DOORS OF PERCEPTION: VIEWING ANTHROPOLOGY THROUGH THE EYES OF CHILDREN’
VU University Amsterdam, Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, www.anthropologyofchildren.net
30 September & 1 October 2010. Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Conference Programme

Thursday 30 September 2010

08.30 – 12.30 Morning Session (plenary)
Venue: Tuinzaal (WN Building). Chair: Sandra J.T.M. Evers (Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, VU University Amsterdam)

08.30 – 09.00 Registration, payment, coffee / tea
09.00 – 09.15 Opening by conference organizers
09.15 – 09.45 Keynote lecture by Prof. Robert A. LeVine (Harvard Graduate School of Education) ‘From Piaget to Video: Constructivist Ethnographies of Childhood’
09.45 – 10.00 Questions and debate
10.00 – 10.30 Break: Coffee / Tea. Venue: Tuinzaal (WN Building)

10.30 – 12.15 Panel 1 “Conceptualisation and Representation of Children”
Venue: Tuinzaal (WN Building). Chair: Prof. Ian J. Grand (California Institute of Integral Studies)

10.30 – 10.50 Spyros Spyrou (European University Cyprus) ‘Power, Representation, and Disciplinary Anxieties: From Studying Children to a Critical Anthropology of Childhood’
10.50 – 11.10 Shanti George (independent researcher) ‘Wasted Childhoods? Beyond the Pathologization of Poor Children and Their Families’
11.10 – 11.30 Jan Newberry (University of Lethbridge) ‘Interiority and Risk in the Government of Childhood’
11.50 – 12.15 Questions and debate

12.15 – 13.30 Lunch break. Venue: Tuinzaal (WN Building)
13.30 – 16.00   First Afternoon Session (three parallel panels)

13.30 – 16.00  Panel 2 “Intergenerational Transmission: Children’s Contributions to Constructing Social Groups”  
**Venue:** C629 (WN Building). **Chair:** Edien Bartels (VU University Amsterdam)

13.30 – 13.50  Christine Murphy (Emory University) ‘Children, Consensus, and the Emergence of Cultural Meaning’
13.50 – 14.10  Sandra J.T.M. Evers (VU University, Amsterdam) ‘Children as Archaeologists of the Imagination: How Migrant Children in Mauritius Piece Together Their Past’
14.10 – 14.30  K.H. (Ina) ter Avest (VU University, Amsterdam) ‘The Child and ‘the Other’ in Research’

15.10 – 15.45  Questions and debate

13.30 – 16.00  Panel 3 “Peer Relations and Research with Young Children”  
**Venue:** B034 (Medical Faculty). **Chair:** Charles-Édouard de Suremain (Institute of Research for Development, Paris)

13.30 – 13.50  Elly Singer (Utrecht University and University of Amsterdam) ‘Very Young Children’s Peer Relationships in Day Care Centres’
13.50 – 14.10  Veronique. Pache Huber (University of Fribourg, Switzerland) ‘Children’s Centrality in Interethnic Relations’
14.10 – 14.30  Ana Maria Levy Aires (FSCH/Universidade Nova de Lisboa) ‘Field Experiences with Children – A Qualified Source of Knowledge on Childhood’

14.50 – 15.25  Questions and debate
13.30 – 16.00  **Panel 4 “Stereotypes and Livelihood Realities of Street Children”**  
*Venue: G076 (WN Building). Chair: Prof. Maria Claudia Duque-Paramo (Universidad Javeriana, Colombia)*

13.30 – 13.50 Roy Gigengack (Wageningen University) ‘Vicio and Nasha. Towards an Engaged and Cross-cultural Anthropology of Street Children and Inhalant Use’
13.50 – 14.10 Roy Huijsmans (University of Amsterdam) ‘Human Trafficking, Visions of Development, and the Challenges Posed by Migrating Youth’
14.30 – 14.50 Minushree Sharma (National University of Singapore) ‘Listening to Children: Understanding the Life of Street Children in Kolkata, India’

14.50 – 15.25 Questions and debate


16.15 – 18.00  **Second Afternoon Session (two parallel panels)**

16.15 – 18.00  **Panel 5 “Identity Construction: The Self and the Other”**  
*Venue: C629 (WN Building). Chair: Spyros Spyrou (Centre for Childhood and Adolescence, Cyprus)*

16.15 – 16.35 Livia Jiménez Sedano (UNED Madrid, University of Granada, and Leiden University) ‘Performing Childhood and Ethnicity in the Body’
16.35 – 16.55 Paul Flanagan (University of Waikato, New Zealand) ‘Exploring New Zealand Children’s Perceptions of Sexuality’
16.55 – 17.15 Jennifer J. Manthei (University of Illinois at Springfield) ‘Brazilian Girls’ Perspectives on Race, Beauty, Sex, and Guys’
17.15 – 17.35 Cornelia Roux (North West University, South Africa) and K.H. (Ina) ter Avest (VU University, Amsterdam) ‘Girls’ Perception of Discriminatory Practices Related to Cultural and Religious Worldviews’

17.35 – 18.00 Questions and debate
16.15 – 18.00  **Panel 6 “Health, Illness and Agency”**  
*Venue: G076 (WN Building). Chair: Prof. Ria Reis (University of Amsterdam & Leiden University)*

16.35 – 16.55  Mienke van der Brug (VU University, Amsterdam) ‘Losing parents to AIDS: Follow-up Study on Orphaned Children in Northern Namibia’
16.55 – 17.15  Nuria Rossell (University of Amsterdam) ‘Listening with Psycho-oncology and Anthropology’
17.15 – 17.35  Julia Challinor (University of California) ‘Anthropology as a Resource for Pediatric Nurses and Early Childhood Educators: Studying Children’s Friendships’

17.35 – 18.00  Questions and debate

18.00  End of first conference day
Friday 1 October 2010

08.30 – 12.15 Morning Session (plenary)
Venue: Tuinzaal (WN Building). Chair: Sandra J.T.M. Evers (VU University Amsterdam)

08.30 – 09.15 Registration, coffee/tea
09.15 – 09.45 Keynote lecture by Prof. Zvi Bekerman (Hebrew University of Jerusalem) ‘Reaching Beyond the Boundaries of Identity: Palestinian and Jewish Children’s Work at the Bilingual Integrated Schools in Israel’

09.45 – 10.00 Questions and debate

10.00 – 10.30 Break: Coffee/Tea. Venue: Tuinzaal (WN Building)

10.30 – 12.15 Panel 7: “Interdisciplinary Methodology”
Venue: Tuinzaal (WN Building). Chair: Lydia Krabbendam (VU University Amsterdam)

10.30 – 10.50 Invited speaker Prof. Maria Claudia Duque-Paramo (Universidad Javeriana, Colombia) ‘Understanding Experiences and Health Problems of Children Living Parental Migration. The Value of Cross-pollination of Disciplinary Approaches’
10.50 – 11.10 Cliona Barnes, Eimear Enright and MayBeth Gallagher (University of Limerick) ‘Methodological Attitude: Opening the Door to Interdisciplinary Dialogue in an Irish Youth Research Context’
11.30 – 11.50 Manuela Ferreira and Ângela Nunes (Oporto University, Portugal) ‘Ethnography: Potential, Challenges and Dilemmas of Its Practice With Children’

11.50 – 12.15 Questions and debate

12.15 – 13.45 Lunch break. Venue: Tuinzaal (WN Building)
13.45 – 15.30 Afternoon Session (three parallel panels)

13.45 – 15.30 Panel 8 “Inter-ethnic Relations in Schools: Perceptions of Difference, Unity, War and Peace”
Venue: C629 (WN Building). Chair: Shanti George (independent researcher)

13.45 – 14.05 Chris Coughlin, Jesse Dizard, Judy Bordin (California State University, Chico), Glyosis Mayers, and Saroj Thapa (Zayed University, United Arab Emirates) ‘Children’s Perceptions of War, Peace, and Enemy’
14.05 – 14.25 Erik van Ommering (VU University, Amsterdam) ‘Children’s Engagement with Political Violence in Primary Schools in Lebanon’
14.25 – 15.45 Eleni Theodorou and Loizos Symeou (European University Cyprus) ‘Seeing the Other Through the Other’s Eyes: Children’s Experiences of Being a Minority in the Greek-Cypriot Educational System’
14.45 – 15.05 Eliza Ptri (University of Nicosia, Cyprus) ‘Socioconstructivist Research in Art Education and Viewing Children from the Reggio Emilia Perspective’

15.05 – 15.30 Questions and debate

13.45 – 15.30 Panel 9 “Transnationalism and Localism in Education and Their Methodological Challenges”
Venue: P663 (WN Building). Chair: Prof. Robert A. LeVine (Harvard Graduate School of Education)

13.45 – 14.05 Edmund ‘Ted’ Hamann (University of Nebraska-Lincoln), Juan Sánchez García (Escuela Normal ‘Miguel F. Martínez’), Víctor Zúñiga and Anabela Sánchez (Universidad de Monterrey) ‘When Children Are Your Best Source: Reflections on Methodological Challenges in the Study of Transnational Students in Mexican Schools’
14.05 – 14.25 Juan Sánchez García, Edmund ‘Ted’ Hamann, Víctor Zúñiga and Anabela Sánchez ‘What the Youngest Transnational Students Have to Say: An Analysis of What 6, 7, and 8-year-olds in Mexico Had to Say about Their Transition from U.S. Schools to Mexican Ones’
14.25 – 15.45 Clarice Cohn (Universidade Federal de São Carlos, Brazil) ‘Childhood and Indigenous Schooling in Brazil’
14.45 – 15.05 Julie Delalande (University of Caen Basse-Normandie) ‘As Anthropology of Entre-Enfants Merges with Educational Sciences’

15.05 – 15.30 Questions and debate

13.45 – 15.30 Panel 10 “Child Rights and Ethics in Research”
Venue: F607 (WN Building). Chair: Julia Challinor (University of California)

13.45 – 14.05 Anna Ensing (IREWOC) ‘Working Girls in Bangladesh: Perceptions on Child Labour, Gender and Age’
14.05 – 14.25 Christian Ungruhe (University of Bayreuth, Germany) ‘Between Home and the Street: Street Children’s and Youth’s Perceptions of Mobility in Southern Ghana’
14.25 – 15.45 Azza O.A. Abdelmoneim (University of Amsterdam) ‘Challenges of Anthropological Child Right Research in Developing Countries: A Case Study of Displaced Children in Khartoum – Sudan’
14.45 – 15.05 Lilian Ayete-Nyampong (Wageningen University and Research Centre, The Netherlands) ‘Respecting the Voices and Experiences of Children in Conflict with the Law in Ghana: Ethnography of Junior and Senior Correctional Institutions’

15.05 – 15.30 Questions and debate
15.30 – 15.45  
*Break: Coffee/Tea. Venue: Tuinzaal (WN Building)*

15.45 – 16.45  
*Roundtable discussion with Prof. Robert A. LeVine, Prof. Zvi Bekerman, and Prof. Maria Claudia Duque-Paramo*

*Venue: Tuinzaal (WN Building).*  
*Chair: Sandra J.T.M Evers (VU University Amsterdam)*

16.45  
*Closing of the conference*

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**Poster Presentations**

Throughout the conference, the following poster presentations will be on display in Tuinzaal (WN Building):

- Barbara Lill-Rastern and Bernhard Babic (SOS Kinderdorf International) *‘Tracking Footprints: An International Study of the Lives of Children in Out-of-home Care’*
- Paola Porcelli (University of Paris 8) *“The Bush Town and the Town, Rich’s Food and Poor’s Food”. Children’s Narratives and Drawings About Their Fosterage Experiences in South-West Mali”*
- Burcu Bostanci (Istanbul Technical University) *‘Understanding the Creation of Spaces Through the Plays of Children’*
- Deniz Yatağan (Istanbul Technical University) *‘Effects of Changing Children’s Environment on Their Attitudes Towards Their Surroundings’*
- Brandon A. Kohrt (Emory University), Wietse A. Tol (Yale University and HealthNet TPO), Judith Pettigrew (University of Limerick, Ireland) and Rohit Karki (TPO-Nepal) *‘Children and Revolution: The Mental Health and Psychosocial Wellbeing of Child Soldiers in Nepal’s Maoist Army’*
- Simone Roerig (VU University, Amsterdam) *‘From Spectator to Spect-actor and Beyond: Children Representing Themselves in Theatre Elicitation Interviews’*