Can I still become a Doctor?
Matching Dutch Educational Realities with Life Dreams of ‘African Diaspora’ Children in Amsterdam Zuidoost

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Children in Amsterdam Zuidoost live in a spatial and ethnically segregated ‘African Diaspora’ district, with about 130 African International Churches and schools with up to hundred percent children with a migrant background. Many children are sent to the lowest -high school- educational levels and school drop-out figures are high. Children (11-13) from three primary schools participate in researching their transition to secondary education. Sjoukje Wartena will discuss her research into the challenges and opportunities of the Dutch educational system in relation to the realities of transnational families and childhood. She will also highlight some of the methodological issues faced when looking ‘through the children’s eyes’ at this field.