Monthly Seminar
Anthropology of Children

Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology
VU University Amsterdam

Thursday 10 December 2009 10.00-13.00
VU University Amsterdam, Metropolitan Building, first floor, room Z-113

Lecture and workshop by Cilel Smith (Institute of Education, University of London)

The Global Classroom: Introducing new arrivals, refugees, and travellers children to school settings in the United Kingdom

Cilel Smith conducted research on the piloting and implementation of board games in UK primary schools. These games have been designed as a welcome and inclusion programme for new arrivals, refugees, and travellers children. Based on her research, she has set up a Global Classroom in which teachers are trained to use the game. Cilel Smith will give a lecture on the Global Classroom project and the contributions it made for school pupils and staff, which is followed by a demonstration.

Cilel Smith is a PhD candidate at the Institute of Education, University of London. She has conducted research on the learning experiences of refugee children during pre-migration, migration, and post migration. She is an independent Education Consultant and provides professional development for teachers and teaching assistants who work with refugee children and new arrivals in UK Schools.

The Anthropology of Children Working Group (based at VU University, Amsterdam) brings together academics and practitioners engaged in research and work with children. Through monthly seminars, the Working Group promotes child-oriented theory, methodology, and research ethics. Besides, it serves as a platform for (interdisciplinary) academic research and enhances dialogue with practitioners through joint research projects, publications and conferences.

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