Monthly Seminar
Anthropology of Children and Youth Network
Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, VU University Amsterdam

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VU University Amsterdam, Metropolitan Building, room Z-007

Cultural Navigation and Participation in Dutch Society

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Migrant Children in the Netherlands: Navigating Through Cultural Worlds (research of Sara ter Beeke)
It is often stated that migrant youth, due to their cultural background, lack the skills to participate in Dutch society. However, when perceiving these children as ‘professionals’ of living in a multicultural neighbourhood (having intercultural interactions on a daily basis), it becomes apparent these children possess rich cultural competences. Currently, Sara is conducting fieldwork in Amsterdam New-West, using creative ethnographic methods (theatre).

The Paradoxes of Participation, Rights and Access of Individual Asylum Seekers between the Ages of 12 and 23 in the Netherlands (research of Moos Pozzo)
What does participation mean when you are a young asylum seeker? How do your perceptions and practices relate to your rights, and, at the same time, to your limited access to society? Moos is conducting her fieldwork with youth in an asylum centre in order to discover their perceptions and practices of participation in leisure activities (art, music, sports, etc.), the youth council in the centre, friendships, families, communities, and Dutch society.

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

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