

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'*

11.30 – 11.50 Deborah Johnson-Simon (Center for the Study of African and African Diaspora Museums and Communities, USA) *'Anthropological Perspectives on African Diasporic Children and Museums: Acculturation, Enculturation, and the ABC's of Maryland Black Museums and Historic Sites'*

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’*

14.30 – 14.50 Aude Michelet (London School of Economics) *‘Intergenerational Interactions: The Everyday Production of Family Hierarchy and Kin Obligation in Southern Mongolia’*

14.50 – 15.10 Ian J. Grand, Alexis Day & Brooke Benhamou (California Institute of Integral Studies) *‘Following Children’s Voice in Child & Family Yoga’*

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’*

14.30 – 14.50 Kitty Jurrius and Adimka Uzozie (Stichting Alexander, The Netherlands) *‘Perspectives of Children Aged 4-8 as a Source of Knowledge: Critical Reflection on the Development of Kids Expert Clubs as a Way to generate Knowledge on the Perspective of Children in the Age of 4-8’*

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’*
- 14.10 – 14.30 Talinay Strehl (IREWOC) *‘Closing the Gap Between Policy Design and Street Children’s Wishes in Lima and Cusco’*
- 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

15.45 – 16.15 *Break: Coffee / Tea. Venue: Tuinzaal (WN Building)*

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)

16.15 – 16.35 Kristen Cheney (International Institute for Social Studies in The Hague, Netherlands) ‘*Children as Ethnographers of Childhood: The Benefits of Participatory Research with African AIDS Orphans*’

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'*

11.10 – 11.30 Pierrine Robin and David Piolo (l'Observatoire National de l'Enfance en Danger, France) *'A Necessary Interdisciplinary Dialog for Research Centred on the Perspective of the Child'*

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), Gloysis 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 Pitri (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. Abdelmoneium (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

Poster Presentations

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

- Barbara Lill-Rastern and Bernhard Babic (SOS Kinderdorp 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 Bostancı (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'*