

# Monthly Seminar

# Anthropology of Children

Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, VU University Amsterdam

**Tuesday 15 February 2011 13.30-15.00**

VU University Amsterdam, Metropolitan Building, room Z-113

**Can I still become a Doctor?**

**Matching Dutch Educational Realities with Life Dreams of 'African  
Diaspora' Children in Amsterdam Zuidoost**

Lecture by Sjoukje Wartena, PhD Candidate, Faculty of Psychology and Education, Department Theory and Research in Education (VU University Amsterdam)

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.



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 it enhances dialogue with practitioners through joint research projects, publications and conferences.

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