

Monthly Seminar

Anthropology of Children

Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, VU University Amsterdam

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VU University Amsterdam, Metropolitan Building, room Z-113

Children Drawings and Indigenous Cultures: How Mebengokre-Xikrin children from Brazil picture their culture

Presentation by Clarice Cohn, Universidade Federal de São Carlos, Brazil

The Indigenization of Culture is a central topic in Anthropology. In Brazil, many Indigenous peoples are creating their own theories and translations of "culture". Children also have their perspectives on Indigenous cultures and identities. Working with Mebengokre-Xikrin children's drawings, Dr Cohn shows how they are able to picture their culture for non-Indigenous persons in school tasks, demonstrating a clear understanding of what is supposed to be "indigenous", as compared to the drawings they make for themselves, in which they draw everything that interests them be it 'Indigenous' or not.

Clarice Cohn teaches Anthropology at Universidade Federal de São Carlos, Brazil, and researches with Indigenous children. She is in charge of a Research Project funded by CAPES researching Indigenous schooling in Brazil.



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