

From Trauma to Protection: the Twentieth Century as the Children's Century



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Conference, 19-20 April 2018, University of Warwick

PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 19 APRIL 2018

09.45 – Arrivals, tea and coffee, registration

10.15 – Welcome and Opening remarks

10.30-12.00 – PANEL 1 – Children, Trauma and Genocide: the Holocaust/Shoah and Rwanda

The organisers gratefully acknowledge financial support for this panel received from the Fondation pour la Mémoire de la Shoah.

Chair/discussant: Laura Hobson Faure (Paris III-Sorbonne Nouvelle)

Antoine Burgard (Manchester) – “‘Very few actual children’: Holocaust child-survivors, migration and the definition of parenthood’

Zoé Grumberg (Sciences Po, Paris) – ‘The *Commission Centrale de l’Enfance* within the *Union des Juifs pour la Résistance et l’Entraide*’

Juliette Bour (Sciences Po, Paris) – ‘Young girls in the Butare prefecture’s refugee camp: rape as a genocidal weapon, April-July 1994’



12.00-12.15 – Break, tea and coffee

12.15-13.15 – KEYNOTE LECTURE

Chair: Camille Mahé (Sciences Po/Warwick)

Manon Pignot (Picardie-Jules Verne) – ‘Children and Adolescents at War’

13.15-14.15 – Lunch

14.15-16.15 – PANEL 2 – Children’s War Experiences and War Memories

Chair: Mathew Thomson (Warwick)

Emily Gallagher (ANU/Ca’ Foscari) – ‘Playing at war: children’s imaginative war play in Australia during the First World War’

Camille Mahé (Sciences Po/Warwick) – ‘French children facing World War II violence’

Chelsea Sambells (Glasgow) – ‘Agency, sabotage, exploitation: Nazi Infighting over the Belgian Child Evacuations to Switzerland in the Second World War’

Vicky Kaisidou (Birmingham) – ‘Remembering, Forgetting, Forgiving: The afterlives of Queen Frederica’s Camps in Greek Cultural Output (1980-2015)’

16.15-16.30 – Break, tea and coffee

16.30-18.00 – PANEL 3 – Campaigning: about, for and with children

Chair: Jennifer Crane (Warwick)

Jonathan Taylor (Oxford) – ‘Child protection in an era of “Public Service Sensationalism”, friends or foes? Child welfare and the popular press in England, 1933-1970’

Jonathan Reinartz and Shane Ewen (Birmingham/Leeds Beckett) – ‘“These are Birmingham, not Belsen”: the use of shock and horror in children’s burns prevention campaigns in post-Second World War Britain’

Hannah J Elizabeth (LSHTM) – ‘Rethinking AIDS as a “family disease” and meeting the emotional needs of HIV-affected children in Britain, 1985-1997’

19.30 – Conference dinner, Dining room, Arden Centre

FRIDAY 20 APRIL 2018

09:45-11:15 – PANEL 4 – Voice, Agency and Processes of Retrieval

Chair: Zoé Grumberg (Sciences Po, Paris)

Eve Colpus (Southampton) – ‘Children, the telephone helpline and the meaning of “speak” in late-twentieth-century Britain’

Andrew Burchell (Warwick) – ‘Adolescent children reading and writing about discipline in twentieth-century Britain’

Lydia Hadj-Ahmed (École Normale Supérieure/Rouen) – ‘Life as a child during a war of decolonisation: the case of “Algerian” children in the War of Independence (1954-1962)’

11:15-11:30 – Break, tea and coffee

11:30-13:00 – PANEL 5 – Children’s Voices and Institutional Interactions

Chair: Jonathan Reinartz (Birmingham)

Annie Skinner (Oxford Brookes) – “‘I don’t’ know what they took me away for ... I didn’t think I had done anything wrong”: Narratives of children in care between 1882-1899’

Michael Lambert (Liverpool) – ‘From “families in trouble” to “children at risk”: moving narratives of expertise in decision-making concerning “problem families” in post-war Britain, 1945-74’

Faith Gordon (Westminster) – ‘Media Constructions of Children and Young People Navigating Transition from Conflict in Northern Ireland’

13.00– Lunch

14.00 – PANEL 6 – Legal responses: trauma and the treatment of child abuse offences in law

Chair: Andrew Burchell (Warwick)

Kim Stevenson (Plymouth) – ‘The credibility gap: the objectification of child victims of sexual abuse, 1880-1980’

Kate Gleeson (Macquarie) – ‘From private harm to public remedy: changing responses to child sexual abuse, 1980-2018’

Sinéad Ring (Kent) – ‘Historical child sexual abuse, trauma and the nation’s duty to remember: reflections from Ireland’

15:30 – Closing remarks

Tea and coffee



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