

# THE CHILD IN THE WORLD

A one-day international conference organised as part of an AHRC-funded collaborative project between Queen Mary, University of London and the V&A Museum of Childhood.

**Saturday 9 November 2013**

**10.00 – 17.00**

This conference will explore the ways in which children imagine, understand and engage with the wider world.

- How have children's lives been shaped by global processes and events, both in the past and present?
- How do children understand and imagine their place within the wider world? How does this vary over space and time?
- How have children's lives been shaped by experiences of empire, migration and conflict?
- How do children engage with the wider world through participation and citizenship?

## **Keynote speaker**

Karen Wells - 'The child in the world: violence and gendered transitions to adulthood.'

Karen Wells (Birkbeck, University of London) works on childhood and globalisation, and visual cultures of childhood. She is author of 'Childhood in a Global Perspective' (Polity, 2009).'

## **How to book**

Contact [mocbookings@vam.ac.uk](mailto:mocbookings@vam.ac.uk) or 020 8983 5205. **£40 (£20 concessions)**

Spaces are limited, so please book by 1 November 2013.

## **Where**

V&A Museum of Childhood

Cambridge Heath Road, London, E2 9PA

[www.museumofchildhood.org.uk](http://www.museumofchildhood.org.uk)

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10.00-10.15	REGISTRATION AND TEA & COFFEE
10.15-10.25	Welcome
10.25-10.45	KEYNOTE SPEAKER <b>Karen Wells</b> - 'The child in the world: violence and gendered transitions to adulthood'
10.45-10.55	Discussion
SESSION 1	CHILDREN AND IMPERIAL WORLDS
10.55-11.15	<b>Mary Guyatt</b> - 'Children, home and empire, 1870-1950'
11.15-11.35	<b>Kristine Alexander</b> - "'Not for one nation, but for humanity": race, empire and internationalism in the Girl Guide Movement's utopian spaces'
11.35-11.45	Discussion
SESSION 2	MIGRATION AND DIASPORA
11.45-12.05	<b>Gordon Lynch</b> - 'Religious organizations and the moral purification of children: a cultural sociological perspective'
12.05-12.25	<b>Kim Tao</b> - 'On their own: exploring the hidden histories of Britain's child migrants'
12.25-12.45	<b>Eithne Nightingale</b> - 'Children, migration and diaspora'
12.45-13.00	Discussion
13.00-14.00	LUNCH - 'Let's Get the Rhythm,' a screening of a film by Irene Chagall
SESSION 3	CONFLICT AND THE STATE
14.00-14.20	<b>Lee Talley</b> - 'Children's narratives about Operation Pied Piper'
14.20-14.40	<b>Marcella Simoni</b> - "'Our wars" and other toys: Israel's first decades as seen in its toys'
14.40-14.50	Discussion
14.50-15.10	TEA & COFFEE
SESSION 4	PARTICIPATION AND CITIZENSHIP
15.10-15.30	<b>Joy Chalke</b> and <b>Claire Hollywell</b> - 'Children in poverty: views of beauty'
15.30-15.50	<b>Christiane Rocha Falcão</b> and <b>Flávia Ferreira Pires</b> - 'Children's political agency: the case of Programa Bolsa Família in Brazil'
15.50-16.10	<b>Lamees Al Mubarak</b> - 'Children and global citizenship'
16.10-16.20	Discussion
16.20-16.45	FINAL COMMENTS

