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Calls

Fifth International Conference on Geographies of Children, Youth and Families Loughborough University, UK; 25th-27th September 2017

Deadline: February 6th, 2017

The theme for the Fifth International Conference in the series (following Reading, Barcelona, Singapore, San Diego) is **new geographies of young people and families in an era of global uncertainty**. Young people and families are at the sharp edge of a range of contemporary global challenges: climate change, economic crises, conflict and persecution, terrorism, poverty, and migration. Young people seek to have space to enact their social relationships, forge their identities and make their transitions in an increasingly uncertain world. These interconnected global challenges are expressed in specific ways in particular, inter-linked, s/places.

Many countries are facing flux, uncertainty and turmoil ranging from: the economic and political woes in Brazil; economic crises in Venezuela, Argentina, Southern Europe; to conflicts/destabilised states and civil society in Syria, Ukraine, Somalia, South Sudan, Central African Republic, Afghanistan, Iraq; politically repressive regimes such as North Korea, Eritrea, areas controlled by Islamic State; and, increasingly draconian regimes in many countries. In North Africa and the Middle East the hopes of the Arab Spring (a youthful movement, Jeffrey, 2013) have often been replaced by conflict, chaos and repression, in which Western countries are deeply implicated, either for their political and economic connections, or lack of sustained support.

Recent tumultuous political events in the USA and Europe (e.g. Presidential election, Brexit) are widely perceived to be a reaction to a sense of being 'left behind' among some groups in these relatively affluent, but unequal, societies in the wake of global challenges; however, this conceals political choices over welfare and taxation systems, such as Austerity. Most young people (aged 18-25) did not vote for these reactionary political movements, which are often tied to increasingly intolerant and

exclusionary tones of debate surrounding migration, race/ethnicity, religion, education, gender, and so on.

These current challenges encroach upon young people's lives and experiences within a host of interconnected arenas: playing and socialising, education, everyday spaces, transitions to adulthood, livelihoods, health and wellbeing. We welcome broad discussion and debate about the many contributions that geographical approaches to social studies of/with children, youth and families can make to addressing these challenges. How young people and families will be affected by, respond to and negotiate these challenges in similar ways or differently according to factors such as: 'national' identity, freedom (or otherwise) to travel, 'social class', relative affluence or poverty, gender, (dis)ability, sexuality, ethnicity/race, religion and so on, are important questions to discuss.

Contributions can include: papers, posters, sessions, workshops or alternative formats.

Please submit abstracts (max 200 words) or specialist sessions, including up to five abstracts per session for paper sessions, to ICGCYF17@lboro.ac.uk by Monday 6th February.

The RGS-IBG Geographies of Children, Youth & Families Research Group are providing 5 x £100 bursaries for postgraduate delegates. To apply, full details of the bursaries and an application form are available on the GCYFRG website: <https://gcyfrg.wordpress.com/>

Loughborough is well served by regular scheduled flights to East Midlands Airport (7 miles away) and a direct train service from London St Pancras International (1hr 13 mins):

<http://www.lboro.ac.uk/about/find-us/>

International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN) European Regional Conference



The Hague, Netherlands; 1 -4 October, 2017

Deadline: January 31, 2017

Help ISPCAN connect child abuse and neglect professionals with the very latest thinking and research! And what better place to conference than The Hague: City of Peace and Justice. Please consider sharing your work with others at this prestigious event. Click [here](#) for more information.

30th Annual Conference of the Arbeitsgemeinschaft Ethnomedizin e.V. (AGEM) on "Healing Cooperations"

Siegen, Germany; June 29 – July 1, 2017

Deadline: January 13, 2017

Click [here](#) for more information.

Nordic Geographers Meeting (NGM2017) on "Inequalities and the geographies of children and young people: new approaches and debates"

Stockholm, Sweden; 18th – 21st June, 2017

Deadline: December 15, 2016

Session organisers:

Dr Sarah Mills, Loughborough University, UK (s.mills@lboro.ac.uk)

Professor Peter Kraftl, University of Birmingham, UK (p.kraftl@bham.ac.uk)

Dr Sophie Hadfield-Hill, University of Birmingham, UK (s.a.hadfield-hill@bham.ac.uk)

This seeks to explore geographical approaches and debates on ‘inequalities’ in the context of research on children and young people’s lives. It aims to encourage both a re-visitation of older approaches to the study of inequality (and related terms – poverty, injustice, marginalisation, discrimination, exclusion), as well as hosting discussions around new theoretical languages to examine inequality in relation to the geographies of children and young people.

The session will encourage debate around a series of key questions. How has the study of inequality been approached, enriched or challenged by a consideration of children and young people’s lives? How might geographers (re)theorise inequalities and what can be garnered from older and newer approaches? What are the key contemporary challenges for those working on inequality (and related debates) in children’s geographies? What can a focus on the (unequal) lives of children and young people contribute to broader scholarship on the ‘geographies of inequalities’ across the wider discipline?

This session aims to host papers that engage with any of these provocative starting points and related debates through either a theoretical, empirical, or methodological/ethical focus. Papers may attend to any issues surrounding inequalities and the geographies of children and young people; however, the organisers particularly encourage papers on the following themes:

- socio-spatial inequalities;
- educational inequalities;
- the interplay between emotions and inequalities;
- participation, citizenship and in/equalities;
- in/equalities across human-nonhuman ‘boundaries’.

Please submit abstracts to **all three of the session organisers** (E-Mail addresses above).

Conferences & Trainings

Most frequently attended conferences

As requested at CRCF’s Annual General meeting, below is a list of the conferences most frequently attended by the core CRCF researchers.

- [International Family Violence and Child Victimization Research Conference](#)
- [Canadian Association for Social Work Education](#)
- [Association francophone pour le savoir](#)
- [International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect](#)
- [Society for Social Work and Research](#)
- [American Academy of Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine Annual Meeting](#)
- [International Society for the Study of Trauma and Dissociation](#)

- [International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies](#)
- [Pathways to Resilience](#)
- [Prairie Child Welfare Consortium](#)
- [International Meeting on Indigenous Child Health](#)

2017 McGill Summer Program in Social & Transcultural Psychiatry

McGill University's department of psychiatry, division of social and transcultural psychiatry will be holding its 23rd annual summer program from May 1 – June 22, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

Events

Research Seminar - The role of parenting in the lives of children with neurodisabilities by Lucyna Lach

December 14, 2016 12:00 – 13:00

Wendy Patrick room (room 118), 3506 rue University, Montreal, QC

Click [here](#) for more information on CRCF research seminars.



Indigenous Child Welfare Research Group

January 5, 2016 12:00 – 14:00

CRCF conference room (suite 106), 3506 rue University, Montreal, QC

A monthly discussion group of graduate students, faculty and researchers as well as professionals from university affiliated organizations. Aimed at building empirical knowledge on topics related to Indigenous child welfare and to facilitate knowledge translation of Indigenous child welfare research. Click [here](#) for more information.

Culture and Mental Health Research Unit Meeting

The Culture and Mental Health Research Unit Meetings are held every Wednesday from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the Institute of Community & Family Psychiatry (4333 Côte St-Catherine Road). The second Wednesday of every month is reserved for psychosocial seminars. For more information or to be added to their listserv, please contact antonella.clerici@mail.mcgill.ca.

Job/Scholarship Opportunities

Emploi d'un(e) professionnel(le) de recherché: Institut universitaire en santé mentale de Montréal

Deadline: December 21, 2016

Click [here](#) for more information.

DAAD contact grants for International Doctoral Candidates

Deadline: January 16, 2017

The Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg in Germany aims to strengthen its international ties and to increase the number of international doctoral candidates at the Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg. In line with this, scholarships financed by the Scholarship and Supervision Program for International Doctoral Candidates of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) will be awarded for stays of international doctoral candidates between 2016 and 2018 by the Graduate Academy and the International Student Office. Click [here](#) for more information. Click [here](#) for the application form.

News & Notices

Welcome Elif Wonders!

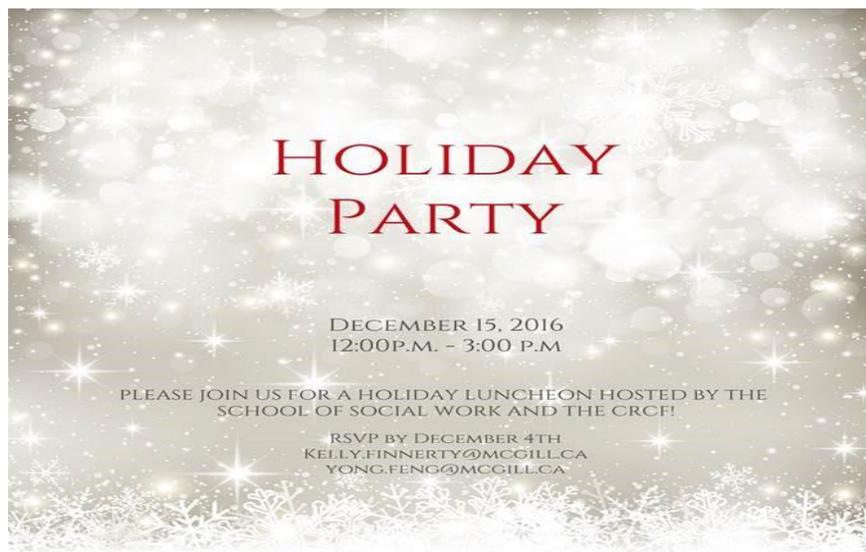


Please join in extending a warm welcome to [Elif Wonders](#). Elif is completing her MA in the school and applied child psychology program. She has an expertise in interventions for children who have emotional, social and academic problems. Considering Elif's interests and expertise, she joined the Indigo Love of Reading project a few months back, which will allow her to develop her own research in the context of a team effort to address literacy issues in vulnerable populations. Welcome aboard!

McGill Study for Parents: Insight into the Struggles of Helping with Homework

[Elif Wonders](#), CRCF member and graduate student at McGill in the School and Applied Child Psychology program, is examining factors that impact parents' involvement in their children's homework for her thesis project. The purpose of this project is to better understand how to support parents and children in learning that occurs outside school hours. Participating parents will receive tips on how to help with homework, and can also sign-up to receive results from the completed study. Any parent with a child aged 6 to 13 can anonymously participate in this online study! Learn more about the study and participate click [here](#).

Holiday Party – RSVP with Kelly by December 4th!



Consultation : Favorisons l'égalité des chances des tout-petits

Au Québec, un enfant sur quatre à la maternelle est vulnérable dans au moins un domaine de son développement. Cette proportion atteint un sur trois dans les milieux les plus défavorisés et un sur cinq dans les milieux les plus favorisés. Aidez-nous à identifier des moyens d'offrir aux enfants du Québec des chances égales de réussite! L'Institut de gouvernance numérique (IGN), en collaboration avec l'Observatoire des tout-petits, veut permettre à toutes les personnes intéressées par l'avenir des enfants, à se prononcer sur l'égalité des chances pour tous nos tout-petits! L'ING et l'Observatoire des

tout-petits souhaitent notamment avoir la participation des chercheurs en sciences sociales et humaines. Pour participer à cette consultation: parlonstoutpetits.com.

Cindy Blackstock wins Human Rights Award

The Law Society of Upper Canada has named [Cindy Blackstock](#), CRCF member from the School of Social Work, as one of the winners of the 2016 Human Rights Award. Established in 2013, the award recognizes outstanding contributions to the advancement of human rights and/or the promotion of the rule of law provincially, nationally or internationally. Professor Blackstock commented that this award is in recognition of a collective effort made by everyone at the First Nations Child & Family Caring Society of Canada including a "great team of lawyers, para-legals and volunteer law students". The other winner is Waleed Abu al-Khair, a prominent human rights lawyer and activist in Saudi Arabia. Click [here](#) for more information.



Publications & Presentations

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder conference presentation & trainings, Ireland



In November, CRCF Member and Concordia INDI Ph.D. student [Liam Curran](#) went to Ireland to speak at a conference and conduct training and consultations concerning his research. On November 7th, Liam gave a conference presentation concerning Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder's in Child welfare services to a mix of social work and social care practitioners from Ireland, Canada, New Zealand and the USA. On Wednesday, November 9th, Liam delivered a full day of Continuous Professional Development (CPD) education to twenty-three Social Workers and social care practitioners who work directly with children and families. Many delegates from this group were already working with services users and their caregivers where FASDs were presenting in their intervention work. On November 11th, Liam met with the Snr Social Worker representing the Adoption Authority of Ireland to further discuss both pre-adoption FASD education and post-adoption education and service supports. Liam will continue to offer consultations to the AAI, as they move to create better education and supports for adoptive families living with an FASD. Liam delivered a narrative in all three engagements for the development of a more robust social model of care and understanding to meet the vulnerable needs of both individuals and caregivers living with FASDs.

Integrated agriculture programs to address malnutrition in northern Malawi

Kerr, R.B., [Chilanga, E.](#), Nyantakyi-Frimpong, H., Luginaah, I., and Lupafya, E. Click [here](#) for more information.

Canada National Research Symposium on Financial Literacy

On November 16th, PhD candidate [Khan Mohammad](#) presented an invited poster at the Financial Consumer Agency of Canada [National Research Symposium on Financial Literacy](#) in Moncton New Brunswick. At the same conference, faculty member [David Rothwell](#) presented findings and moderated a panel "The Impact of Financial Education on attitudes: A Life-Course Perspective".

