

# European Childhood – Childhoods in Europe

International Conference and Annual Meeting of the  
“Sociology of Childhood” Section of the German Sociological Association

9 – 10 October, 2009

Munich, German Youth Institute (DJI)

## Programme

### Thursday 8 October 2009

Arrival

18.30 Meeting of members of the Section “Sociology of Childhood

20.00 DINNER (for all conference participants)

### Friday 9 October 2009

8.30 Registration

#### *I. Opening Session*

9.00 Welcome Address by the Head of the Department Children and Child Care of  
the German Youth Institute  
(*Hans Rudolf Leu, Munich/Germany*)

9.10 Opening and introduction of the agenda by the Spokesperson of the Section  
(*Doris Bühler-Niederberger, Wuppertal/Germany*)

9.15 Introductory Session: Europe – European Policies – Childhood  
(*Dagmar Kutsar, Tartu/Estonia*)

#### *II. Childhoods in Europe – European childhood – some Spotlights*

10.00 Between Participation and Responsibility: The Children’s Point of View  
(*Guilia Maria Carvaletto and Stefania Fucci, Turin/Italy*)

10.20 Children’s Rights to express their opinion and participate in child protection  
system of Romania  
(*Alina Tica, Oradea/Romania*)

10.40 Discussion

11.00 - 11.30 COFFEE BREAK

11.30 Intercultural competencies – the impact of transnational youth programmes  
(*Isabelle Krok, Munich/Germany*)

11.50 Children’s transition from elementary to primary school in England and  
Germany: Structures, institutions and children’s practices of participation  
(*Christiana Huf, Frankfurt/Germany*)

12.10 Discussion

12.30 - 14.00 LUNCH

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### *III. Childhood policies in Europe – European childhood policies*

- 14.00 Child Labour in Europe  
(*Gianni Paone, Rome/ Italy*)
- 14.45 The implementation of children's rights in Europe  
(*Mona Sandbaek, Oslo/Norway*)

15.30 - 16.00 COFFEE BREAK

### *IV. International Networks and Organisations - Objectives and Impact on Childhood and Childhood Policies, Research and Practice?*

- 16.00 The EU-study on child-rights-based indicators – the human rights approach  
(*Helmut Sax, Vienna/Austria*)
- 16.30 - 18.00 Childwatch International (*Jon-Kristian Johnsen, Oslo/Norway*)  
Save the Children (*Sweden, solicited*)  
ChildONEurope (*Florence/Italy, solicited*)  
ICYRNet – International Childhood and Youth Research Network (*solicited*)  
EUROCHILD (*Brussels/Belgium, solicited*)  
UNICEF Innocenti Research Institute (*Florence/Italy, solicited*)  
Childhood topics at the OECD (*Paris/France, solicited*)
- 19.00 Dinner and social event** (*Andreas Lange*)

### **Saturday 10 October**

### *V. Semantics and discourses of childhood in Europe – European childhood semantics*

- 9.00 'European targets within national discourses: About the social construction of a "good childhood" within German family policy discourses.'  
(*Nicole Klinkhammer, Munich, Germany*)
- 9.45 A "good childhood"?! Challenges to the understanding of childhood discussed in the case of young careers in the UK and in Germany. A comparative perspective  
(*Anne Wihstutz, Halle/Saale, Germany*)
- 10.30 COFFEE BREAK
- 11.00 The "participating child" – An adult-driven and uncontestable norm?  
(*Elisabeth Backe-Hansen, Oslo/Norway*)
- 11.45 European Childhood – Childhoods in Europe – Final Conclusions  
(*Johanna Mierendorff, Trier/Germany*)
- 12.30 Closing the meeting
- 13.00 End of Meeting

Public Transport to Munich Main Station (DB): 20 Minutes