

## 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**



Children of Ango-Indian immigrants, Australia, 1975. Private collection

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 the author of 'Childhood in a Global Perspective' (Polity, 2009).



Watercolour by William Henry Hunt, 1830s, V&A Museum

## Programme

### Children and Imperial Worlds

Mary Guyatt, 'Children, home and empire, 1870-1950'

Kristine Alexander, 'Race, empire and internationalism in the Girl Guide Movement's utopian spaces'

### Migration and Diaspora

Gordon Lynch, 'Religious organizations and the moral purification of children'

Kim Tao, 'Exploring the hidden histories of Britain's child migrants'

Eithne Nightingale, 'Children, migration and diaspora'

### Conflict and the State

Lee Talley, 'Children's narratives about Operation Pied Piper'

Marcella Simoni, 'Israel's first decades as seen in its toys'

### Participation and Citizenship

Joy Chalke and Claire Hollywell, 'Children in poverty: views of beauty'

Christiane Rocha Falcão and Flávia Ferreira Pires, 'Children's political agency'

Lamees Al Mubarak, 'Children and global citizenship'

There will also be a lunchtime film screening of 'Let's Get the Rhythm,' a documentary film by Irene Chagall.

For full conference details and speaker biographies, go to [www.geog.qmul.ac.uk/research/childintheworld/conference/index.html](http://www.geog.qmul.ac.uk/research/childintheworld/conference/index.html) or [www.museumofchildhood.org.uk](http://www.museumofchildhood.org.uk)

### How to book

Contact [mocbookings@vam.ac.uk](mailto:mocbookings@vam.ac.uk) or 020 8983 5205.

The registration fee is **£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)

### About the AHRC funded research on 'The Child in the World'

The Child in the World project is a five-year collaboration between Queen Mary, University of London and the V&A Museum of Childhood focused on researching the lived experiences of London children between 1870 and the present day. The research is being undertaken by three PhD students working on distinct Collaborative Doctoral Awards. They are supervised by staff in the School of Geography and the School of Languages, Linguistics and Film at Queen Mary, and by staff at the V&A Museum of Childhood.

### About the V&A Museum of Childhood

The V&A Museum of Childhood houses the national collection of childhood related objects and artefacts, spanning the 1600's to the present day.

### How to find us

**Underground** Bethnal Green, Tube, Central Line, Zone 2. Less than 5 minute walk. Please note there is no lift access at this station.

**Buses** D6, 106, 254, 309 and 388 stop outside the Museum and 8, 26, 55 and 48 stop nearby.

**Rail** Cambridge Heath and Bethnal Green. Less than 10 minute walk from both stations.

**Bicycle** 5 minute cycle ride from Regents Canal. Bike stands are available.

