

Childhood & Globalization

An International Colloquium

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Colloquium Program

Monday, 13 September 2010

Welcome and Colloquium Opening Session

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m., Cartwright Room, Memorial Student Center, IWU

- Frank Boyd, Interim Provost and Dean of the Faculty, IWU, *Welcome by the IWU Administration*
- Irv Epstein, Associate Dean of the Faculty, IWU, *Opening Remarks*
- William Munro, Director of International Studies, IWU, *In Global Times: Politics of Childhood Revised*
- Igor Kondakov, Professor of Cultural Studies, RGGU, *Russia: Soviet Childhood as Global Cultural and Literary Project*

Coffee Break: 10:15-10:30

Reading Discussion Session I *

10:30 – 12:00 Cartwright Room, Memorial Student Center, IWU

Carolyn Steedman. "Maps and Polar Regions: A Note on the Presentation of Childhood Subjectivity in Fiction of the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries." In *Mapping the Subject. Geographies of Cultural Transformations*. Eds. S. Pile and N. Thrift. N. Y.: Routledge, 1995, p. 77-92.

Moderators: Roberta Seelinger Trites, Professor of English, ISU; Olga Rosenbloom, Senior Lecturer, Contemporary Russian Literature, RGGU

Lunch, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Faculty Lounge, Memorial Student Center, IWU

* All readings are posted at the special website: <http://elecres.iwu.edu/eres/coursepass.aspx?cid=731> The password is child in lower case.

Film Viewing, *First Squad: The Moment of Truth*

Introduction by *Svetlana Leont'eva, St. Petersburg State University of Culture and Arts*
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., *Beckman Auditorium, The Ames Library, IWU*

Evening Session: *Theoretical Approaches to Childhood*

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., *Beckman Auditorium, The Ames Library, IWU*

- Roberta Trites and Karen Coats, ISU, *Theoretical Approaches to the Study of Literature for Youth*
- Irv Epstein, IWU, *Issues of Embodiment and the Commodification of Childhood in the 21st Century: Some Preliminary Observations*
- Larissa Rudova, Pomona College, "*Fairest of Them All*": *Beauty and Feminine Identity in Post-Soviet Girl Fiction*
- Anna Ozhiganova, RGGU, *Alternative Childhood: Contemporary Utopian Projects and the Construction of "Superior Human"*

Moderator: Karen Coats, Professor of English, ISU

Tuesday, 14 September 2010

Reading Discussion II: Steven Minz. *Huck's Raft: A History of American Childhood.*

Cambridge, MA: Harvard UP, 2006. Chapters 8, 15.

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., *Cartwright Room, Memorial Student Center*

Moderators: April Schultz, Associate Professor of History, IWU; Maria Tendriakova, Associate Professor of Anthropology, RGGU

Lunch: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Faculty Lounge, Memorial Student Center, IWU



Afternoon Session: *Childhood and Political Action*

3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., *Beckman Auditorium, The Ames Library, IWU*

- Anja Tippner, University of Salzburg, Austria, *The Making of a Global Soldier: Soviet Children's Literature on World War II*
- Olga Rosenbloom, RGGU, *Adaptation of Children of Forced Migrants in Megapolis: The Case of Moscow*
- Maria Tendriakova, RGGU, *Childhood at the Crossroads: Between Family Tradition and State Politics*

Moderator: Rebecca Gearhart, Associate Professor of Anthropology, IWU

Wednesday, 15 September 2010

Reading Discussion III: Catriona Kelly. *Children's World: Growing Up in Russia 1890-1991*. New Haven, CT: Yale UP, 2007. Part I, pp 25-157.

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Cartwright Room, Memorial Student Center

Moderators: Larissa Rudova, Guppert Professor of Modern Languages, Pomona College, California; Vitaly Bezrogov, Professor of History of Education, RGGU

Lunch: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Faculty Lounge, Memorial Student Center, IWU



Evening Session: *Childhood in Image and Sound*

6:10 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Schroeder Hall 236, ISU

- Sonja Fritzsche, IWU, "Once Upon a Heimat": Fairy Tale Films as East German Heimat
- Rebecca Gearhart, IWU, *Changing Notions of Childhood among the Swahili of Coastal Kenya*
- Oksana Gavrishina, RGGU, *Images of Childhood in the 20th Century Photography*

Moderator: Jan Susina, Professor of English, ISU

Friday, 17 September 2010

Concluding Session: *Globalizing Childhood and New Approaches*

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Beckman Auditorium, The Ames Library

- Vitaly Bezrogov and Galina Makarevich, RGGU, *Sovietism, Russianness, and Globality in the Concept of Childhood: Analyzing Cover Pages of Elementary Schoolbooks in Russia from 1976 through 2006*
- April Schultz, IWU, *Duty and Desire: Children and Domestic Ideology in Classic Hollywood Film*
- Svetlana Leont'eva, SPbSUCA, *Re-writing Past History for the New Generation*

Coffee Break, 11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

- Jan Susina, ISU, *Globalizing Childhood through Children's New Media*
- Marina Balina and Scott Sheridan, IWU, *Globalizing Childhood through Translation: French Authors for Russian Children*

Moderators: Anja Tippner, Professor of Russian and East European Literature, University of Salzburg, Austria; Oksana Gavrishina, Associate Professor of Cultural Studies, RGGU