

# Children, Dependency, and Emotions in the Early Modern World, 1500-1800: Archival and Visual Narratives

September 12-14, 2024



"Child Slave in China, 17th century" © Kulturstiftung Dessau-Wörlitz,  
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Throughout history children have been subjected to violence, coercion, forced labor and separation. Children also developed strategies to cope with their oftentimes deplorable living conditions. This conference is interested in the archival, visual, and material traces some of these children have left - aiming at reconstructing social and emotional worlds of children in early modern global history.

## VENUE

University of Bonn  
Rabinstraße 8  
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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

11:00-11:30 am Welcome from Susan Broomhall and Claudia Jarzebowski

11:30 am-1 pm

### Panel 1: Children, Labour, and Mobility

Moderated by Claudia Jarzebowski

"Circulation of Children and Dependency(ies) in Early Modern Madrid: Household Strategies, Labour and Poor Relief (1600-1800)"

**Jesús Agua de la Roza**, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid

"Chinese Manila's Beautiful Catamites: Spanish Officials, Sexual Slavery, and the Tóng 童 / Desbarbados of Manila, 1571-1766"

**Adrian Masters**, Universität Trier

"Child Acrobats in Late Ottoman Istanbul: A Study of English Boys"

**Bahar Bayraktaroğlu**, BCDSS

1:00-2:00 pm Lunch break

2:00-3:30 pm

### Panel 2: Circulations and Imaginations

Moderated by Susan Broomhall

"Race, Infantilisation and Gender: An Intersectional Re-Assessment of 18th-Century Porcelain"

**Amber Burbidge**, European University Institute Firenze

"Children of the Manila Galleon: Exploring their Roles and Experiences in the Transpacific Trade"

**Bulkhia Panalondong**, Central Mindanao University

"Britain's First Embassy to China through the Eyes of an Enslaved Youth Called Benjamin"

**Jessica Hanser**, Copenhagen University

3:30-3:45 pm Coffee break

3:45-5:30 pm

### Panel 3: The Trade and Trafficking of Enslaved Children

Moderated by Joseph Biggerstaff

"Coerced Mobilities of Children in the South-West Indian Ocean During the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries"

**Michael Reidy**, Australian Catholic University

"Childhood under Slavery: Undergoing and Contesting the Operationalization of Childhood as a Factor for Enslaveability in the Dutch Colonial Empire throughout the Eighteenth Century"

**Britt van Duijvenvoorde**, International Institute of Social History

"Enslaved Children in the Arab-Muslim Slave Trade: An Undefined Genocide"

**Sylvain Mbohou & Antonio Evaldo Almeida Barros**,  
Universidade Estadual do Maranhão

6:00 pm Keynote Address 1:

"Childhood Scenes of Resentment, Humiliation, Indignation: On the Making of Political Rage"

**Ann Laura Stoler**, New School for Social Research

Moderated by Claudia Jarzebowski

followed by a wine reception

Universitätsclub Bonn

Schumpeterraum

Konviktstraße 9, 53113 Bonn

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2024

9:30-11:00 am

### Panel 4: Child-Authored Narratives

Moderated by Joseph Biggerstaff

"Leaving a Trace: The Poor Child's Experience in 18th-Century Malta"

**Rakele Fiott**, University of Malta

"Violence in Early Modern English Apprenticeships: Some Causes and Consequences of Coercion"

**Hillary Taylor**, University of Padua

"Humbly Prays Your Worship to Discharge Him from the Indentures': Children's Frustration and Complaint under Apprenticeship in the Eighteenth-Century Baltimore"

**Young In Jang**, Binghamton University SUNY

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11:15 am-1:00 pm

**Panel 5: Apprenticeships and Education**

Moderated by Lisa Phongsavath

“Children and Learning a Craft in the Region of Zacatecas and Aguascalientes during the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries”

**Luis Benedicto Juárez Luévano**, University of Hamburg

“Negotiating Discipline in Schooling and Education, 1670-1830”

**Michael Rocher**, Universität Siegen

“From Conversion to Education: The State of Filipino Children during the Advent of Spanish Colonialism”

**Roland Abinal Macawili**, De La Salle University  
**Reginald Reginaldo**, University of the Philippines

1:00-1:45 pm Lunch break

**1:45-2:45 pm Keynote Adress 2:**

“The Ethics of Writing Latin American Children’s History from Spanish Colonialism to the Internet”

**Bianca Premo**, Florida International University  
Moderated by Kristie O’Flannery

2:45-3:00 pm Coffee break

3:00-4:30 pm

**Panel 6: Disease and Crisis**

Moderated by Amber Burbidge

“George and Patience: The Value of Sick Enslaved Children in Early Modern Bridgetown”

**Amalia S. Levi**, BCDSS

“Children in Crisis: Responses to Epidemics in Early 18th-Century Massachusetts”

**Diana Wagner**, Universität Stuttgart

“Care or Collateral? Famine, Desperation, and Sale of Aztec Children in Postclassic Tenochtitlan”

**Rosamund E Fitzmaurice**, University College London

5:00-6:30 pm

**Panel 7: Creolization and Household Formations**

Moderated by Michael Reidy

“New Family Formations: Enslaved Children’s Experiences in a Comparative Framework”

**Eva Marie Lehner**, BCDSS  
**Firat Yaşa**, Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University

“The Desired Offspring! Children of Slave Mothers in the 15th-Century Western Mediterranean”

**Corinna Peres**, Universität Wien

6:30-7:00 pm Coffee break

**7:00-8:00 Keynote Address 3:**

“Reliable Narrators: Tracing the Perspective of Children in History”

**Johanna S. Ransmeier**, University of Chicago  
Moderated by Susan Broomhall

8:00 pm Conference Dinner

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2024

10:30 am-12:00 pm

**Panel 8: Relationships and Separation**

Moderated by Eva Lehner

“From Today Onwards There Will Be No More Sharing of Gypsy Children’: A Legislative Attempt to Alter the Condition of Children of Slaves with Different Owners in Moldavia, 1766-1785”

**Cristina Mocanu**, University of Iasi

“‘The Woman’s Seed’: Family Separation as Abolitionist Trope and the Feminist Reaction to Social Contract Theory”

**Ariane Fichtl**, University of St. Andrews

“Like Mother, Like Daughter: Visualizing Mother-Daughter Mirroring at the Toilette, 18th-century France”

**Danielle Sensabaugh**, University of Florida

12:15-1:45 pm

**Panel 9: Orphans, Guardianship, and Legal Processes**

Moderated by Susan Broomhall

“Why did Russians Buy Children? Child Trafficking in 17th-century Eastern Siberia”

**Angelina Kalashnikova**, Christian-Albrechts-Universität Kiel

“Entgen Lennartz – A Slave to the Devil? The Witchcraft Process Against an Orphan in 17th-Century Cologne”

**Claudia Opitz-Belkhal**, Universität Basel

1:45-2:45 pm Lunch break

**2:45-4:15 pm Early Career Researcher Roundtable**

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**Jessica O’Leary** and **Kristie Flannery**  
Moderated by Claudia Jarzebowski and Susan Broomhall

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