

“Shifting Frames: Migrant Children, Politics, History”
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List of panels, speakers and titles

Opening Lecture

Jacqueline Bhabha, Harvard University, “The human rights of child migrants: an unfinished agenda”

Panel 1: Constructing the “child” and the “refugee”: global regimes, laws, and institutions

Kathryn Libal, University of Connecticut, Storrs, “A critical legal genealogy of the ‘child refugee’”

Urszula Markowska, University of Applied Sciences Potsdam/Fachhochschule Potsdam, “Refugee camps as places and spaces constructing childhood”

Manfred Liebel, Freie-Universität Berlin, “Towards a geopolitics of child migration”

Panel 2: Framing displaced and moving children: transnational and national rhetorics of rescue and protection

Jordy Silverstein, University of Melbourne, “‘He died on my watch’: Australian discourses of ‘protection’ for child refugees and asylum seekers”

Ingrid Palmary, University of Johannesburg, “Independent child migrants: humanitarian work and statecraft in South Africa”

Markus Heide, Uppsala University, “Minor mobilities: the US-Mexico border”

Panel 3: Roundtable on German experiences of child displacement

Anne Wihstutz, Professor of Sociology, Evangelische Hochschule Berlin

Viola Georgi, Professor of Education and Diversity, University of Hildesheim

Claudia Schippel, Director of Berlin-based NGO AKINDA

Other guests TBA

Panel 4: Changing the frame: memory, testimony and storytelling I

Allison Mackey, Free State University, “‘Sharper than the serpent’s tooth’: reframing (in)gratitude and the figure of the child refugee”

Kate Douglas, Flinders University, “Children’s life narratives of asylum-seeking: displacement, testimony and the ethics of witnessing”

Eithne Nightingale, University of London, “Child in the World: World in the East End”

Panel 5: Changing the frame: memory, testimony and storytelling II

Rebecca Fasselt, University of Pretoria, “Negotiating precarious childhoods: The migrant *Bildungsroman* in contemporary South Africa”

Khatharya Um, University of California, Berkeley, “Memory etchings: history, memory and identity among second generation Cambodian Americans”

Panel 6: Tracking Children’s Political Agency

Stanford Taonatose Mahati, University of the Witwatersrand, “Independent migrant children negotiating with discourses of masculinities and femininities in poor and violent urban spaces in South Africa”

Francesca Meloni, Northumbria University, “The limits of freedom: the uncertainty of choice without moral guidance among Afghan migrant youth in the UK”