

Politics of Child Adoption in 20th Century (International Conference)

January 8 to January 10, 2025 / Festung Mark (Hohepfortewall 1, 39104 Magdeburg)
 Conveners: Bettina Hitzer (OvGU Magdeburg) / Thomas Lindenberger (HAIT Dresden)

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

- 2.00 pm Welcome and Introduction
- 2.30-4.30 pm **Panel 1: Adoption and Welfare State Governance**
- Hege Beate Stein Helland (University of Bergen/Norway): *When the state decides: Adoptions from care in Norway and England*
- Derek Kirton (University of Kent/UK): *The Politics of Adoption for Racially Minoritised Children in the UK: exploring the 20th century roots of ongoing controversy*
- Commentator: Agnes Arndt (HAIT, Dresden)
- 4.30-5.00 pm Coffee break
- 5.00-6.30 pm **Keynote Lecture**
- Iuliia Skubytska (Bard College/USA): *“Russian Mercy”: Forced Adoptions of Ukrainian Children during the Russo-Ukrainian War*
- 7 pm Conference Dinner

Thursday, January 9, 2025

- 9.00-11.00 am **Panel 2: Adoption and (Post)Coloniality**
- Joanne Faulkner (Macquarie University, Sydney/Australia): *Adoption as apparatus of colonial of colonial governance: representing Aboriginal childhood on stolen land*
- Raven Sinclair (George Gordon First Nation University/Canada): *Colonialism and the biopolitical underpinnings of the First Nation, Métis, and Inuit child removal systems in Canada, 1950-2024*
- Commentator: Benedikt Stuchtey (Philipps University Marburg)
- 11.00-11.30 am Coffee break
- 11.30-1.30 pm **Panel 3: Adoption and political repression and (post)warfare**
- Peter Anderson (University of Leeds/UK): *Adoption and civil war: Franco’s Spain as a case of Mass Child Removal*
- Barbara Klich-Kluczevska (Jagiellonian University Krakow/Poland): *Adoption Practices and the Orphan Crisis in Post-War Poland (1945-1949)*
- Commentator: Frank Henschel (CAU Kiel)

- 1.30-2.30 pm Lunch
- 2.30-4.30 pm **Panel 4: Importing Adoption, Exporting Children: Adoption in (Post-)Colonial Contexts**
- Yves Denéchère (Université d'Angers/France): *Illicit practices in international adoption in France (1960s-2000) : What responsibilities ?*
- Simonella Tanguy-Domingos (CEPED/Université de Paris/France): *Children adoptions from Benin to France: historical influences, diplomacy and paradigmatic changes*
- Commentator: Till Kössler (MLU Halle)
- 4.30-5.00 pm Coffee Break
- 5.30-7.30 Exhibition "Niños robados. Gestohlene Kinder. Stolen children" (Bundesstiftung Aufarbeitung der SED-Diktatur, Berlin); engl./dt.
- Introduction: Anna Kaminsky (Bundesstiftung Aufarbeitung)
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Friday, January 10, 2025

- 9.00 Uhr-11.00 am **Panel 5: Taking Children: Political Interests and Illicit Networks**
- Gonda Van Steen (King's College, London/UK): *Cold War Stories: The Adoption of Greek Children in the United States, 1950-1960s*
- Jessaca B. Leinaweaver (Brown University/US): *The Adoption of Children from Peru in Spain*
- Commentator: Isabella Löhr (FU Berlin/ZZF Potsdam)
- 11.00-11.30 am Coffee break
- 11.30-1.30 pm **Panel 6: Care Meets Racism: South Koreans into Europe**
- Koo Young Eun (Harvard – Lund University/Sweden): *Modernizing the Care System and Liberal Social Work in Post-Liberation South Korea*
- Tobias Hübinette (Karlstad University/Sweden): *2Race, Color-Blindness and International Adoption in Sweden*
- Commentator: You Jae Lee (Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen)
- 1.30-2.30 pm Lunch
- 2.30-3.30 pm Final Discussion / Conclusion