

Children and War: Past and Present

International multidisciplinary conference to be held at the University of Salzburg, Austria, on 30 September – 2 October 2010. Organised by the University of Salzburg and the University of Wolverhampton (UK).

In recent years the volume of international research on 'Children and War', carried out by academics, governmental and non-governmental organisations and institutions as well as the media, has continually increased. At the same time there has been a growing public interest in how children experience military conflicts and how their lives have been affected by war and its aftermath.

Research topics are as varied as the disciplines and interests involved – often acting independently of each other. Therefore it seems time to review current research and to open new perspectives for future work by bringing together scholars from various academic disciplines, practitioners in the field, representatives of governmental and non-governmental institutions and the media.

All proposals which focus on any topic and theme on 'Children and War' are welcome, ranging from the experience of war, flight, displacement and resettlement, relief and rehabilitation work, gender issues, persecution, trafficking, abuse and prostitution, trauma and amnesia, the trans-generational impact of persecution, individual and collective memory, educational issues, films and documentaries, artistic and literary approaches, to remembrance and memorials, and questions of theory and methodology.

Specific conference themes anticipated are:

- Children as witnesses and victims of war and conflicts
- Holocaust, genocides and forced labour
- Child soldiers, partisans and resistance fighters
- Army mascots
- Deportations and displacements, refugees and asylum seekers
- War crimes, trials and human rights

Please send an abstract of 200-250 words, together with biographical background information of 50-100 words by 31 December 2009 to: J.D.Steinert@wlv.ac.uk.

All proposals are subject to a review process.

Conference language: English.

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Fees: EUR 100 for speakers. The fee includes admission to all panels, lunches, coffees and teas. Further information and registration details will be made available early in 2010. All participants need to secure their own funding to participate in this conference.

It is intended to publish a selection of conference papers.