Conference

War and Childhood in the Age of the World Wars:
Local and Global Perspectives

June 5 – June 7, 2014

Conveners: Mischa Honeck (GHI Washington), James Marten (Marquette University), Andreas Gestrich (GHI London), Arndt Weinrich (GHI Paris)

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Program

Thursday, June 5

2:30 – 3:00 pm

Welcome and Opening Remarks

3:00 – 4:45 pm

Panel I: Infantilizing War

Chair: James Marten (Marquette University)

Sabine Frühstück (University of California, Santa Barbara)
Every Picture Tells a Lie: Infantilizing War in the Twentieth Century

Valentina Boretti (University of London)
Patriotic Play: Toys and Mobilization in China, 1910s-1950s

Julie K. deGraffenried (Baylor University)
Learning More than Letters: Alphabet Books in the Soviet Union and the United States During World War II
4:45 – 5:15 pm  Coffee Break

5:00 – 7:00 pm  Panel II: Mobilizing Young Minds and Bodies

Chair: Emily Swafford (University of Chicago/GHI)

**Antje Harms** (University of Freiburg)
*Bellicists, Feminists, and Deserters: Perceptions of Youth and War in the German Youth Movement, 1914-18*

**Esbjörn Larsson** (University of Uppsala)
*Boys’ and Girls’ Defense Service Training in Swedish Schools During World War II*

**Mischa Honeck** (GHI Washington)
*Good Soldiers, All? The Boy Scouts of America and the Problem of Preparedness, 1941-45*

Friday, June 6

9:00 – 10:45 am  Panel III: Actors and Victims

Chair: Mark Stoneman (GHI Washington)

**Kate James** (University of Oxford)
*Combatant Children: The Experience of Childhood in the Royal Navy and British Army, 1902-1916*

**L. Halliday Piel** (University of Manchester)
*Japanese Mobilization of Youth for the Manchu-Mongol Pioneer Youth Loyal and Brave Army*

**Suzanne Swartz** (Stony Brook University, NY)
*“The Grey Soldier on the Wall of the Besieged City”: Child Smugglers and Peddlers in Warsaw, 1940-43*

10:45 – 11:00 am  Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:45 pm  Panel IV: Delinquency on the Home Front

Chair: David Lazar (GHI Washington)
Kara Ritzheimer (Oregon State University)
*Heinz Brandt Got His Gun: ‘Kriegsschundliteratur’ and Youth in WWI Germany*

Emma Lautman (University of Nottingham)
*An Education in Lawlessness: School Closures and City Children on the British Home Front, 1939-1945*

Martin Kalb (Northern Arizona University):
*No Zero Hour? Delinquent Youth in Munich’s Crisis Years, 1942-1948/49*

12:45 – 2:00 pm  Lunch

2:00 – 3:45 pm  Panel V: Young Witnesses
Chair: Andreas Gestrich (GHI London)

Manon Pignot (University of Picardie Jules-Verne)
*Drawing the Great War: Children’s Personal Representations of War and Violence*

Susan A. Miller (Rutgers University)
*Drawing Sustenance: Children’s Art in the Aftermath of War*

Thomas Christopher Stevens (University of Oxford):
*War and Revolution in Russia, 1914-1924, as Lived, Imagined, and Remembered by Children*

3:45 – 4:15 pm  Coffee Break

4:15 – 6:00 pm  Panel VI: Relocation and Relief
Chair: Arndt Weinrich (GHI Paris)

Nazan Maksudyan (Kemerburgaz University, Istanbul)
*Refugee Ottoman Orphans in Germany During the First World War*

Karl Qualls (Dickinson College)
*Spanish Civil War Children in Russia*

Sharon Park (University of Minnesota):
*Child Refugees as U.S. Aid Recipients after World War II*
Saturday, June 7

9:00 – 10:45 am

Panel 7: Memory

Chair: Mischa Honeck (GHI Washington)

Arndt Weinrich (GHI Paris)
Memory and Generational Conflict in Germany, 1918-1939

Birgitte Søland (Ohio State University)
Doing their Bit? Children and Medical Experimentation in the United States During World War II

Robert Jacobs (Hiroshima Peace Institute):
Seeing Children Hidden Behind the Clouds of Hiroshima & Nagasaki

10:45 – 11:00 am

Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30 pm

Concluding Roundtable:
Why Do They Matter? Children’s Voices in War and History

End of Conference