



*Association internationale
des sociologues de langue française
Comité de recherche Sociologie de l'enfance*

Call for Papers

“Childhood and cultures: social and human sciences perspectives”

Paris –December 15-16-17, 2010

The Research Committee, *Sociologie de l'enfance* of the *International Association of French-speaking sociologists* in partnership with The Department for Research, Foresight and Statistics (French Ministry of Culture and Communication) are organizing a joint international colloquium, on the occasion of the annual meeting of sociology of childhood organised by the AISLF. The conference will last for 3 days (one day of plenary sessions, 2 days of working groups) and will be held in Paris in December 2010.

The organizers of this Conference are inviting researchers to present their work on children's changing relationship to culture, the term child being used in its widest acceptance to encompass statutory minors (i.e. in most countries, under 18). In the social sciences, debates about the end of childhood, about adolescence and youth indicate significant interest in viewing age groups in terms of processes and socio-historical context.

Interest in the younger age groups is relatively recent, as is the study of their relationship to culture, evident in the intense debate in this area: should we be talking about practices or cultural consumption, how are we to analyse youth cultures and those that they comprise? Both single-disciplinary approaches and cross-disciplinary perspectives are encouraged: issues concerning socialisation and the role of peers, family transmission and sibling relationships, gender issues, culture/school conflicts, etc.

Proposals should highlight the social dimensions of the relationship of children (as previously defined) to culture, through four main approaches:

- relationships to practices, objects and cultural products, and the affiliations they engender;
- the analysis of material culture;
- age issues : the transferability or uniqueness of age groups;
- issues of method, epistemology and ethics.

Focused on social sciences, the conference also welcomes multidisciplinary approaches as well as comparative and international perspectives.

The conference will thus allow a comprehensive overview of current knowledge, research and emerging issues, while confronting different approaches and reinforce the research network.

Papers can be submitted in French and English.
Presentations will be 20 minutes long, followed by discussion.

A limited number of grants may be available to fund conference attendance and will be allocated by the Scientific Committee.

Practical arrangements

Proposals for papers

Proposals should provide the following information :

- first name and surname, e-mail address, postal address and telephone number;
- Academic or professional status, institutional affiliation;
- Summary of proposed paper: 500 words maximum in either French or English (specifying the area covered, issue, data and method used)
- For those seeking financial support this should include a budget (transport and/or accommodation), as well as a letter from the candidat and from the head of research, head of department or reference university.

Dead-line for submissions

Proposals should be submitted to « www.enfanceetcultures.culture.gouv.fr » before the 30th of April 2010.

Acceptance will be notified by email before the 1st of July 2010.

To be included in the programme, selected papers (6 000 words maximum) should be sent to the Scientific Committee before the 1st of October 2010.

Publication

After approval by the Scientific Committee, all papers presented will be put on line as drafts.

A selection of articles will be published in a special printed issue of the journal *Réseaux*.

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