

»I want a real house«

Final presentation of the research project on the everyday life of young children in accommodation centres for refugees

Friday, 22/09/2017

9 am – 5 pm

Werkstatt der Kulturen
Wissmannstraße 32
12049 Berlin

What does it mean for young children to live in a reception centre or emergency/collective accommodation in Berlin? As the comment “I want a real house” from a 6-year-old boy shows, these accommodation centres are experienced as “different”, not “normal” and not “real”. They were established as temporary solutions and yet newly arriving families spend months to years in them. How do children up to the age of six go about their lives in these centres? How do they use spaces for play and agency? What relationship networks do they have? What kinds of labels, discrimination and abuses of their rights as children do they face and how do the children, their families and those working in the accommodation centres deal with this? These and many other questions form the subject of the research project based at the INIB of the Evangelischen Hochschule Berlin and the ISTA/Fachstelle Kinderwelten using participatory methods of qualitative social research over a period of 18 months. This concluding conference presents the research findings of the exploratory ethnographic study and gives room for discussion, professional exchange and networking.



9:00 Registration and welcome coffee

9:30 Welcome address

9:40 Presentation of the research project

(Prof. Dr. Anne Wihstutz)

10:00 Ethical research considerations

(Seyran Bostancı, Hoa Mai Trần, Thi Huyen Trang Le)

10:30 Main project findings

(Prof. Dr. Anne Wihstutz, Dr. Sarah Fichtner, Dr. Penelope Scott, Evelyn Schulz-Algie, Seyran Bostancı, Hoa Mai Trần, Hannah Rosenfeld, Clara Zimmer, Thi Huyen Trang Le)

12:00 Lunch buffet

13:30 Workshops

1) "It's child play - or is it?" – Play, conflicts and relationship networks among children in a reception centre

(Dr. Penelope Scott & Thi Huyen Trang Le)

2) Right in the middle yet left out: Refugee children are caught in the tension between children's rights - and asylum policy – ethical implications for social work

(Prof. Dr. Anne Wihstutz & Clara Zimmer)

3) Children's spaces for agency and play in collective accommodation: Between the sandpit and deportation

(Dr. Sarah Fichtner & Hoa Mai Trần)


4) "Kingdom" emergency accommodation?! Interaction processes between children and adults viewed from an anti-discrimination perspective

(Seyran Bostancı & Hannah Rosenfeld)

5) Security at last? A child's right to protection from violence in accommodation centres for refugees

(Evelyn Schulz-Algie & Petra Wagner)

15:30 Coffee/tea break



15:45 Positioning and action at crucial sites – Audience discussion with invited guests:

Moderator: Petra Wagner, Director, ISTA/ Fachstelle Kinderwelten

Amira Ahmad, International Women's Space Berlin & Monitoring Initiative

Dominik Bär, Research associate, German Human Rights Institute

Valentina Colla, Child-care worker at a Unionhilfswerk collective accommodation center

Andreas Germershausen, Senate Representative for Integration and Migration

Manfred Novak, Chairman, AWO District Association Berlin-Mitte e.V.

Prof. Dr. Nivedita Prasad, Head of MRMA: Social Work as a Human Rights Profession and spokeswoman for the professional group of the German Society for Social Work "Flight, Migration and Anti-racism"

Alaleh Shafie-Sabet, Deputising Manager of the temporary accommodation centre Alfred-Randt-Straße, Internationaler Bund (IB) Berlin-Brandenburg gGmbH

17:00 End of conference

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Registration link:

<https://www.situationsansatz.de/forschungsprojekt-alltagserleben.html>

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