

Bergische Universität Wuppertal, Germany  
Interdisciplinary Research Centre: Childhoods.Societies  
IZ Kindheiten. Gesellschaften  
International Symposium on  
"Children-Childhood-State-Education"  
10-11 July, 2014

This symposium brings together international scholars to critically examine the different relationships between the State, the child and education (in a broad sense), mediated through a range of contexts and constellations. How 'education' is connected to the structures of state on the one hand and the structures of childhood on the other, needs urgently addressing given the current conditions of austerity, crisis and the increasing complexities of late capitalism. Further to this, there is a need for analytic engagement with questions concerning the role of the various actors who are enrolled in and/or colonised by connections between the State and education. The speakers at the symposium will examine constellations of three key sets of actors: family, the child, and the State itself and consider how sites of resistance and points of reflexivity can be supported through Bildung and democracy.



**Location:**  
Campus Freudenberg  
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## Invitation

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*Organized by Prof. Jo Moran-Ellis and  
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## Thursday 10.07.2014

- 09.30 – 10.00  
10.00 **Welcome & Opening Remarks** *Registration and Coffee*  
Prof. Lambert Koch (Rector of the BUW),  
Prof. Jo Moran-Ellis/Prof. Heinz Sünker  
(Organizers)
- 10.30 **Positioning the Family in  
Education and Childhood  
Formation** *10.30-11.15*  
Chair:  
Prof. Rita Braches-Chyrek  
University of Bamberg  
Prof. Maarit Alasuutari/Jyväskylä University –  
The State and Early Childhood Education: the politics  
and positionings of the family in early childhood  
education  
*11.15-12.00*  
Prof. Demos Daskalakis/Athens University –  
Childhood and Education in Times of Social Crisis:  
the politics and positionings of the family and the  
child in school in times of crisis  
*12.00-12.30*  
Discussion
- 12.30 – 13.15  
*Lunch*
- 13.30 **Extensions of the State:  
between family, children and  
education?** *13.30-14.15*  
Chair:  
Prof. Heinz Sünker  
BUW  
Prof. Leena Alanen/University of Jyväskylä –  
Everyday struggles and practices of domination  
in education: a relational approach  
*14.15-15.00*  
Prof. Gerard Delanty/University Sussex – The  
State of Neoliberalism: How intrusive is the  
extension of the market?  
*15.00-15.30*  
Discussion
- 15.30 – 16.00  
*Tea and cake*
- 16.00 **Positioning the State in the  
Lives of children in  
Educational Contexts** *16.00-16.45*  
Chair:  
Prof. Andreas Schaarschuch  
BUW  
Prof. Andy Green/Institute of Education, London  
University – Education and State Formation: the  
politics and positionings of the State in processes  
of education  
*16.45-17.30*  
Prof. Phillip Wexler/Hebrew University Jerusalem  
& BUW – Sociology of Education and Politics:  
perspectives from the early Frankfurt School  
*17.30-18.00*  
Discussion
- 18.00 – 19.00 h  
*Wine reception*
- 19.30 h onwards  
*Dinner (invited)*

## Friday 11.07.2014

- 09.30 **Positioning the Child in the  
Formation of State and  
Societies** *09.30-10.15*  
Chair:  
Prof. Charlotte Röhner  
BUW  
Prof. Madeleine Leonard/Queen's University  
Belfast – Childhood in the (Contested) State: the  
politics and positionings of children's knowledge  
in the divided State  
*10.15-11.00*  
Prof. Spyros Spirou/European University Cyprus,  
Nicosia – Caught between State and Nation: the  
politics and positioning of children in divided  
Cyprus  
*11.00-11.30*  
Discussion
- 11.30 **Posters: Childhood Studies,  
Children's Lives and Social  
Contradictions** Anna Bandt (HBS/BUW), Children, Politics and  
World Views  
Chair:  
Prof. Jo Moran-Ellis  
University of Sussex  
Doreen Beer (HBS/BUW), Education and Early  
Childhood – Learning and Changing the World  
Amanda Blood/Surrey University – The Invisible  
Child?  
Bruna Breda/Sao Paulo University – Making the  
Child Visible in Policy and Law  
Carsten Schröder (HBS/BUW), Emotions and  
Appreciation in Social Work – Reproduction of  
the Emotional and Social Order in Child  
Residential Care  
Dima Zito (HBS/BUW), Child Soldiers as Refugees  
in Germany
- 12.30 – 13.15  
*Lunch*
- 13.20 **Children, childhood and the  
State: positioning the future,  
childhood and society** *13.30-14.15*  
Chair:  
Prof. Phillip Wexler  
Hebrew University Jerusalem  
& BUW  
Dr. Antoanneta Potsi/BUW – The Future of  
Childhood  
*14.15-15.00*  
Prof. Jo Moran-Ellis/Sussex & Prof. Heinz  
Sünker/BUW – Childhood-State-Education:  
Locating the child between Donzelot and Marx?  
*15.00-15.30*  
Discussion
- 15.30 – 16.00  
**Closing discussion and remarks**