

## AGENCY, SELF-DETERMINATION, AUTONOMY: QUESTIONING KEY CONCEPTS OF CHILDHOOD STUDIES

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### Wednesday, 6th December

12.30–1.00	Registration, coffee and tea
1.00	Welcome and introductions
1.15–2.15	<p>Paper 1: Samantha Punch, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Stirling</p> <p><b>Why has the generational order been marginalised in childhood studies?</b></p> <p>Discussant: Kay Tisdall, Centre for Research on Families and Relationships at the University of Edinburgh</p>
2.15–3.15	<p>Paper 2: Anca Gheaus, Philosophy of Law, University Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona</p> <p><b>On the nature and value of childhood</b></p> <p>Discussant: Ferdinand Sutterlüty, Institute for Social Research &amp; Faculty of Social Sciences at Goethe University Frankfurt</p>
3.15–3.45	Coffee and tea
3.45–4.45	<p>Paper 3: Meike Sophia Baader, Faculty of Educational and Social Sciences, University of Hildesheim</p> <p><b>Sexual self-determination: a paradox of children’s agency?</b></p> <p>Discussant: Jo Moran-Ellis, School of Law, Politics and Sociology, University of Sussex</p>
4.45–5.45	<p>Paper 4: Lucinda Ferguson, Family Law at University of Oxford and Oriel College, Oxford</p> <p><b>Reciprocity, relationships, and relationality: proceed with caution</b></p> <p>Discussant: Klaus Günther, Institute for Social Research &amp; Cluster of Excellence “The Formation of Normative Orders” at Goethe University Frankfurt</p>
5.45–6.00	Close of Day 1 and Looking ahead to Day 2

Conference dinner

## Thursday, 7th December

9.00—9.15	Reflections on, Debates and Questions from Day 1
9.15—10.15	<p>Paper 5: Ruth Edmonds, UK-based firm Keep Your Shoes Dirty</p> <p><b>Clashing conceptions of agency: exploring international and local concepts of girls' agency, autonomy and self-determination in Rwanda</b></p> <p>Discussants: Chandni Basu, Institute for Sociology at the University of Freiburg &amp; Silke Jakob, Institute of Educational Sciences, Justus Liebig University Gießen</p>
10.15—11.15	<p>Paper 6: Sabine Andresen, Faculty of Educational Sciences, Goethe University Frankfurt</p> <p><b>What matters how? Vulnerability and child well-being</b></p> <p>Discussant: Lars Alberth, Institute of Sociology, Leibniz University Hannover</p>
11.15—11.30	Coffee and tea
11.30—12.00	<p>Intermediate reflections in light of papers 1–6:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Should childhood studies continue with “agency”, “self-determination” or “autonomy” as research-guiding concepts? (Opening remarks: Ferdinand Sutterlüty)</li><li>2. To what extent are these concepts to be perceived as child-specific or as cross-generationally applicable? (Opening remarks: Kay Tisdall)</li></ol>
12.00—1.15	Lunch
1.15—2.15	<p>Paper 7: E. Kay M. Tisdall, Centre for Research on Families and Relationships at the University of Edinburgh &amp; Jo Moran-Ellis, School of Law, Politics and Sociology, University of Sussex</p> <p><b>Competence and capacity: concepts that enhance or detract from children and young people's participation?</b></p> <p>Discussant: Florian Eßer, Department of Social Pedagogy and Organisation Studies, University of Hildesheim</p>
2.15—3.15	<p>Paper 8: Michael Gallagher, Faculty of Education, Manchester Metropolitan University</p> <p><b>After agency: skill, technics and technologies of the self</b></p> <p>Discussant: Alexander Bagattini, Faculty of Philosophy, Philosophy of Science and the Study of Religion, Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich</p>
3.15—3.30	Coffee and tea
3.30—4.30	<p>Concluding reflections: What's next? (Chairs: Kay Tisdall &amp; Ferdinand Sutterlüty)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Brief statements by participants on emerging consequences for research and conceptual agendas.</li><li>2. Open discussion and possible next steps of cooperation.</li></ol>

Schedule: 20 min paper presentation by authors, 10 min discussants, 30 min open discussion

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