

**End Conference,
The Childhood History Project:
Tiny Voices from the Past**

Oslo 23-25 August 2017



Section of Paolo Veronese - Portrait of Countess Livia da Porto Thiene and her Daughter Deidamia.
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Wednesday, August 23

Venue: room 452, Georg Morgenstiernes building, University of Oslo

16.00 Welcome and light refreshments

16.15–18.30 Review session: Recent books from the project (Routledge 2017/2018)

16.15 Prof. Mark Golden (University of Winnipeg, Canada)

Reviews of Aasgaard/Horn/Cojocar (eds.), [*Childhood in History: Perceptions of Children in the Ancient and Medieval Worlds*](#) and Laes/Vuolanto (eds.), [*Children and Everyday Life in the Roman and Late Antique World*](#). Questions/comments.

17.25 Prof. Hanne Haavind (University of Oslo, Norway)

Review of Aasgaard/Bunge/Rees (eds.), [*Nordic Childhoods 1700–1960: From Folk Beliefs to Pippi Longstocking*](#). Questions/comments.

18.10 General discussion

19.00 Open, informal dinner

Thursday, August 24

Venue: room 452, Georg Morgenstiernes building, University of Oslo

09.00–09.30 General opening

Reidar Aasgaard, Welcome and presentation of the project “Tiny Voices from the Past/Spede stemmer fra fortiden” (2013–2017)

Brief greetings by Eirik Welo (Faculty of Humanities) and Beate Elvebakk (Department of Philosophy, Classics, History of Art and Ideas, IFIKK)

09.30–12.20 Popular session: Short presentations of results from the project (esp. books)

09.30 *Childhood in History: Perceptions of Children in the Ancient and Medieval Worlds*

- Oana Maria Cojocar (Bucharest), General presentation
- Marianne Bjelland Kartzow (Oslo), Children as Property: The Complex Role of Slave Children in early Christian texts
- Henny Fiskå Hägg (Kristiansand), Aspects of Childhood in Second- and Third-Century Christianity: The Case of Clement of Alexandria
- Cornelia Horn (Berlin), Building a “Digital Sandbox”: Resources for Studying the Lives of Eastern Mediterranean Children
- Unn Falkeid (Oslo), Children in Dante's Divine Comedy

10.30 *Children and Everyday Life in the Roman and Late Antique World*

- Ville Vuolanto (Tampere), General presentation
- April Pudsey (Manchester), Childhood cultures in Egypt
- Rebecca Solevåg (Stavanger), Two Disabled Girls in Early Christian Literature
- Christian Laes (Antwerpen), A Grandmother taking care of small children? What a Latin inscription can tell us
- Ville Vuolanto (Tampere), A Letter from Theon, an Angry Boy from Roman Egypt

11.30 *Nordic Childhoods 1700–1960: From Folk Beliefs to Pippi Longstocking*

- Merethe Roos (Notodden), General presentation
- Ørnulf Hodne (Oslo), Folketro om bergtatte barn (Folk beliefs about children abducted to the underworld)
- Marcia J. Bunge (Saint Peter), Childhood in the Writings and Hymns of N.F.S. Grundtvig
- Thor Inge Rørvik (Oslo), The Child in the 19th Century Norwegian School System
- Hilde Østby (Oslo), A Glimpse of Childhood: The History of Childhood in Letters, Photography, Literature and Drawings (a new book from the National Library of Norway)

12.20 Lunch and mingling

13.00–16.00 Scholarly presentations (State of the art and PhD projects)

13.00 Marcia J. Bunge (Saint Peter), Honoring the Full Humanity of Children: The Emerging Field of Childhood Studies and its Significance for the Academy and Civic Life

14.00 Rakel Diesen (Trondheim), Conceptions of Nordic Childhood and Youth in Medieval Hagiography

14.40 Oana Maria Cojocaru (Bucharest), The rhetoric and realities of childhood in Byzantium

15.20 Marijana Vukovic (Oslo), Children in the Infancy Gospel of Thomas in Latin, Byzantine, and Slavonic manuscripts

18.30 Official dinner (by invitation only)

Friday, August 25

Venue: room 452, Georg Morgenstiernes hus, University of Oslo

09.00–11.50 Scholarly papers, with questions and comments

- 09.00 Avner Giladi (Haifa), On a new source for the study of children and law in medieval Muslim societies
- 09.55 Israel Zvi Gilat (Netanya), Prohibiting a widow's remarriage due to the obligation to nurse: Conservatism or anachronism?
- 10.50 Nicholas Orme (Exeter), Change in the History of Childhood

11.35–11.50 Rounding off

12.00–13.30 Lunch/research seminar

Mark Golden (Winnipeg), Myths in the History of the Ancient and Modern Olympics

*All arrangements are open to the public (except for the dinner on Thursday evening).
Some presentations will be in Norwegian. Changes in the program may occur (23.06.2017)*

Georg Morgenstiernes hus

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