



German Historical Institute  
1607 New Hampshire Ave. NW, Washington DC

Conference

**War and Childhood in the Age of the World Wars:  
Local and Global Perspectives**

June 5 – June 7, 2014

Conveners: Mischa Honeck (GHI Washington), James Marten (Marquette University),  
Andreas Gestrich (GHI London), Arndt Weinrich (GHI Paris)

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**Program**

**Thursday, June 5**

2:30 – 3:00 pm

**Welcome and Opening Remarks**

3:00 – 4:45 pm

**Panel I: Infantilizing War**

Chair: James Marten (Marquette University)

**Sabine Frühstück** (University of California, Santa Barbara)  
*Every Picture Tells a Lie: Infantilizing War in the Twentieth Century*

**Valentina Boretti** (University of London)  
*Patriotic Play: Toys and Mobilization in China, 1910s-1950s*

**Julie K. deGraffenried** (Baylor University)  
*Learning More than Letters: Alphabet Books in the Soviet Union and the United States During World War II*

4:45 – 5:15 pm

Coffee Break

5:00 – 7:00 pm

**Panel II: Mobilizing Young Minds and Bodies**

Chair: Emily Swafford (University of Chicago/GHI)

**Antje Harms** (University of Freiburg)

*Bellicists, Feminists, and Deserters: Perceptions of Youth and War in the German Youth Movement, 1914-18*

**Esbjörn Larsson** (University of Uppsala)

*Boys' and Girls' Defense Service Training in Swedish Schools During World War II*

**Mischa Honeck** (GHI Washington)

*Good Soldiers, All? The Boy Scouts of America and the Problem of Preparedness, 1941-45*

**Friday, June 6**

9:00- 10:45 am

**Panel III: Actors and Victims**

Chair: Mark Stoneman (GHI Washington)

**Kate James** (University of Oxford)

*Combatant Children: The Experience of Childhood in the Royal Navy and British Army, 1902-1916*

**L. Halliday Piel** (University of Manchester)

*Japanese Mobilization of Youth for the Manchu-Mongol Pioneer Youth Loyal and Brave Army*

**Suzanne Swartz** (Stony Brook University, NY)

*"The Grey Soldier on the Wall of the Besieged City": Child Smugglers and Peddlers in Warsaw, 1940-43*

10:45 – 11:00 am

Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:45 pm

**Panel IV: Delinquency on the Home Front**

Chair: David Lazar (GHI Washington)

**Kara Ritzheimer** (Oregon State University)  
*Heinz Brandt Got His Gun: 'Kriegsschundliteratur' and Youth in WWI Germany*

**Emma Lautman** (University of Nottingham)  
*An Education in Lawlessness: School Closures and City Children on the British Home Front, 1939-1945*

**Martin Kalb** (Northern Arizona University):  
*No Zero Hour? Delinquent Youth in Munich's Crisis Years, 1942-1948/49*

12:45 – 2:00 pm

Lunch

2:00 – 3:45 pm

**Panel V: Young Witnesses**

Chair: Andreas Gestrich (GHI London)

**Manon Pignot** (University of Picardie Jules-Verne)  
*Drawing the Great War: Children's Personal Representations of War and Violence*

**Susan A. Miller** (Rutgers University)  
*Drawing Sustenance: Children's Art in the Aftermath of War*

**Thomas Christopher Stevens** (University of Oxford):  
*War and Revolution in Russia, 1914-1924, as Lived, Imagined, and Remembered by Children*

3:45 – 4:15 pm

Coffee Break

4:15 – 6:00 pm

**Panel VI: Relocation and Relief**

Chair: Arndt Weinrich (GHI Paris)

**Nazan Maksudyan** (Kemerburgaz University, Istanbul)  
*Refugee Ottoman Orphans in Germany During the First World War*

**Karl Qualls** (Dickinson College)  
*Spanish Civil War Children in Russia*

**Sharon Park** (University of Minnesota):  
*Child Refugees as U.S. Aid Recipients after World War II*

6:30 pm                      Conference Dinner

**Saturday, June 7**

9:00 – 10:45 am

**Panel 7: Memory**

Chair: Mischa Honeck (GHI Washington)

**Arndt Weinrich** (GHI Paris)

*Memory and Generational Conflict in Germany, 1918-1939*

**Birgitte Søland** (Ohio State University)

*Doing their Bit? Children and Medical Experimentation in the United States During World War II*

**Robert Jacobs** (Hiroshima Peace Institute):

*Seeing Children Hidden Behind the Clouds of Hiroshima & Nagasaki*

10:45 – 11:00 am

Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30 pm

**Concluding Roundtable:**

**Why Do They Matter? Children's Voices in War and History**

**End of Conference**