

SUII Seminar Series 2013-14:

## **Children's Rights, Social Justice and Social Identities in Scotland: Intersections in Research, Policy and Practice**

Children and young people's identities and inequalities are complex: a growing field of interdisciplinary research in the UK and beyond recognises that categories such as ethnicity, 'race', gender, social class, disability, sexuality and age intersect in intricate ways, shaping children's social identities and impacting on their everyday life experiences.

The way in which such interlinking identities generate particular inequalities has been framed in theory and research through the concept of 'intersectionality'. Intersectional perspectives recognise the diversity of different groups and examine how certain groups are silenced from and marginalised by dominant political debates.

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Seminar 1:

### **Intersecting Childhood Identities, Inequalities and Rights: Unpacking concepts and exploring implications**

**2nd December 2013**

Scottish Universities Insight Institute, Glasgow  
Collins Building, 22 Richmond St, Glasgow, G1 1XQ

The first seminar introduces the concept of intersectionality and debates its meanings and purposes for understanding childhood identities and inequalities. It explores the different ways in which this framework can be put into practice by practitioners and policy makers. The seminar will involve a combination of short presentations, group discussions and a plenary conversation.

The seminar will address the following questions:

**What do we know about children's intersecting identities and inequalities in Scotland and beyond?**

**How can intersectionality help us to understand overlapping and intersecting childhood identities, experiences and inequalities?**

**What does the concept of intersectionality mean for working with children in policy and practice?**



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## Seminar 1 – Programme:

9.30 am – 10.00 am

REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

10.00 am – 10.15 am

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO THE SEMINAR SERIES

**Intersectionality and the relevance to childhood studies and practice**

Dr Kristina Konstantoni, University of Edinburgh

10.15 am – 11.15 am

MORNING PRESENTATION SESSION: Unpacking the concepts

**Intersectionality: A short Introduction**

Dr Akwugo Emejulu, University of Edinburgh

**Using multiple theoretical lenses to explore childhood intersectional identities and (in)equalities?**

Dr Kylie Smith, University of Melbourne

**Questions**

11.15 am – 11.30 am

COFFEE BREAK

11.30 am – 12.30 pm

WORKSHOPS IN SMALL GROUPS

12.30 pm – 1.30 pm

LUNCH

1.30 pm – 2.30 pm

AFTERNOON PRESENTATION SESSION: Intersecting childhood identities, inequalities and rights in policy and practice

**A conversation between the Scottish Human Rights Commission and Scotland's Commissioner for Children and Young People, followed by questions and plenary discussion**

Dr Alison Hosie, Scottish Human Rights Commission

Nico Juetten, Scotland's Commissioner for Children and Young People

Chair: Dr Daniela Sime, University of Strathclyde

2.30 pm – 3.30 pm

WORKSHOPS IN SMALL GROUPS

3.30 pm – 4.00 pm

SUMMARY AND CLOSING REMARKS