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The 2011 Fifth International Conference of the
Society for the Study of Childhood in the Past
Child Labour in the Past
Children as economic contributors and consumers

University of Cambridge
Friday 30th September - Sunday 2nd October 2011

The 2011 Autumn conference of the **Society for the Study of Childhood in the Past** will be held in the University of Cambridge from Friday 30th September - Sunday 2nd October, when the theme will be **Child Labour in the Past**. As in previous years, the conference will include sessions addressing the conference theme and other aspects of recent research into children and childhood in the past.

In 2011, the themed sessions will bring together scholars from a wide range of academic disciplines including History, Archaeology, Literature, Sociology and Anthropology to consider different aspects of children and work in the past, including children as economic contributors, children as consumers, the impact on children and society of working in childhood, and changing attitudes to working children. The aim will be to advance cross-cultural knowledge and understanding of childhood and children in the past, and in particular on the nature and impact of work performed by, or for, children in the past.

Speakers are attending from three continents and papers will range across the world from prehistory to the modern day, with a particular focus on the nineteenth century.

In providing this opportunity for scholars of childhood to present their work to an international, interdisciplinary audience, the SSCIP Conference aims to widen knowledge and generate new perspectives on existing knowledge about childhood in the past and to stimulate new avenues for future research.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Friday 30th September 2011 (13.20pm-19.30pm)

Dr Carena Lewis	(McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research, University of Cambridge)	Welcome and Introduction
Dr John McGuinness	(McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research, University of Cambridge)	Aspects of child labour and the status of children in Mesopotamia in the first millennium BC
Olivier Holmey	(University of Cambridge)	"Does Size Matter? Miniature Vessels in Ancient Mesopotamia"
Dr Maureen Mellor	(Ceramics consultant)	Medieval children, their work associated with the household and in a craft environment - pottery production

Professor Gloria Main	(School of History University of Colorado at Boulder)	Child labour in early New England, 1650-1850
Dr Rossella Del Prete	Università degli Studi del Sannio (Benevento, Italy)	Little musicians between school and work: Conservatories pupils as economic contributors in the Reign of Naples during the Modern Age
Dr Shauna Vey	(New York City College of Technology, City University of New York)	Shifting economic practices in the employment of nineteenth-century child performers
Professor Jane Humphries	(Professor of Economic History, Oxford University and President, Economic History Society)	KEYNOTE ADDRESS - Boys and girls at work in the British industrial revolution: Evidence from working-class autobiography

Saturday 1st October 2011 (9.00am-18.20pm)

Poster session in breaks all day on Saturday

Alysa Levene and Jean Webb	(Department of History, Oxford Brookes University)	"More like dogs dozing upon a warm hearthstone than like children' - nineteenth century perceptions of children's work and health in literature and legislature.
Dr Maeve Pearson	(Department of English, University of Exeter)	Henry James and the "work" of childhood
Dr Dawn Hadley and Dr Vicky Crewe	(Department of Archaeology, University of Sheffield)	'Life among the ruins': a nineteenth century childhood and Sheffield Manor Lodge
Dr Craig Cessford	(University of Cambridge Archaeological Unit)	Children and labour at Grand Arcade, Cambridge: archaeological evidence for work done for children
Professor Nigel Goose	(University of Hertfordshire)	Child employment prospects in nineteenth-century Hertfordshire in perspective: varieties of childhood?
Professor David Lancy	(Utah State University)	Apprenticeship: A survey of ethnographic and historical sources.
David Filtness	(University of Cambridge)	Schools of Industry and Habits of Industriousness: Making childhood pay in the early Nineteenth Century
Dr Ann Kerson Swersky	(Independent Scholar)	Future Citizens: The Monson State Primary School in Nineteenth Century Massachusetts
Dr John Burton	(American Studies, DePaul University, Chicago)	From Slave to Student: Child labour and education on San Salvador, the Bahamas in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries
Dr Lily Chang	(School of History, University of Cambridge)	Adjudicating War: Juvenile offenders in wartime China, 1931-1945
Dr Berry Mayall and Dr Virginia Morrow	(Professor of Childhood Studies, Social Science Research Unit; Institute of Education, University of London)	Children's work during the Second World War
Dr Ben White	(International Institute of Social Studies, The Hague)	Changing rural childhoods: child work and education in a Javanese village, 1930s-2005

The Annual General Meeting of the Society for the Study of Childhood in the Past will take place after the last paper.

Sunday 2nd October 2011 (09.00am-13.00pm)

Emma Chapman	(Department of Archaeology, University of Cambridge)	Children within multiple burials in medieval England
Dr Gethin Rees	(Faculty of Divinity, University of Cambridge)	Sick kids and celibate monks: Figurines and monastic Child Care in Early Historic India
Professor Jane Eva Baxter	(Department of Anthropology, DePaul University USA)	In Their Rightful Place: Class, gender, and childhood in 19th century Chicago cemeteries
Jess Cooney	Department of Archaeology, University of Cambridge)	Scribbles on the Walls: How the study of finger flutings can add children to the Upper Palaeolithic cave art narrative
Laura Tisdall	(School of History, University of Cambridge)	Visual representations of children and youth in science fiction and horror films in Britain, 1955-1975
Dr Traci Arden	(University of Miami, USA)	Social imaginaries as a means to understanding childhood

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