**Children, Youth, and Security: Intersections of Research and Practice**

**Graduate Student Research Symposium**

March 6-8, 2014

Dalhousie University, Halifax NS

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| **Thursday, 6 March 2014** |
| **7:00-9:00 pm**(doors open at 6:30) | **Public lecture by Michel Chikwanine**, Inspirational Speaker on the Ability to Create ChangeLocation: 6100 University Ave., Potter Auditorium, Rowe Building |
| **Friday, 7 March 2014**  |
| **8:15-8:45 am** | **Registration**Location: 6300 Coburg Rd., University Hall, MacDonald Building |
| **8:45-9:00 am** | **Welcome**David Morgan and Emily Zinck, Dalhousie UniversityCo-Chairs, Children, Youth and Security Graduate Symposium |
| **9:00-10:15 am** | **Keynote Address by Nigel Fisher**Regional Humanitarian Coordinator for the Syria crisis, UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs |
| 10:15-10:30 am | Coffee and Tea Break |
| **10:30am - 12:00pm** | **Panel 1: Child Protection**Chair: TBD* **Dustin Ciufo**, “Re-conceptualizing Childhood Toward Advancing Child Protection: Examining the Citizenship Identity and Lived Realities of Child Domestic Labourers in Haiti”
* **Ishrat Sultana**, “Unaccompanied minors and youth in Canada: Challenging contexts of social and legal services”
* **Terence Rudolph**, “Unlikely Protectors: Exploring the Role of Private Military and Security Companies in the Protection of Children”
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| **12:00-1:45 pm** | **Lunch and Keynote Address by Dr. Jo Boyden**Professor at the University of Oxford and Director of Young Lives Study |
| **1:45-3:15 pm** | **Panel 2: Vulnerable Youth in the Canadian Context**Chair: TBD* **Muuxi Adam and Laurie Monk**, “From Trauma to Triumph: How Communities and Government Together Can Help War Affected Youth Heal and Build Resilience”
* **Julie Hyde**, “Educational Service Inequity as Insecurity: Child/Youth Vulnerability and First Nations On-Reserve Education in Canada”
* **B'Jamiin Melamed-Turkish**, “The Red Ball and Corporate Social Responsibility”
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| 3:15-3:30 pm | Coffee and Tea Break |
| **3:30-5:00 pm** | **Panel 3: Youth and Urban Violence**Chair**:** David Black, Department of Political Science, Dalhousie University* S. Jamu, **Lisa Jamu**, M. Setshwaelo, C. Shiraz., “Street involved children: Who are they and what forces them to the street? A pilot operations research project on street involved children and youth in Botswana”
* **Jamie-Lee Collins**, Margo Watt, Celeste Lefebvre, Mary Ann Campbell, Catherine Stewart, “The Role of Substance Abuse in Youth Offending”
* **Marko Jovanovic**, “Adjusting the Payoff Structure: Defining and Disrupting the Economy of the Youth Criminal Gang to Enable Peaceful Demobilization”
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| **7:00-9:00 pm** | **Film Screening: *Fight like soldiers, Die like children*** Location: 6101 University Ave., Macaloney Room (Rm. 406), Dalhousie Arts Centre |
| **Saturday, March 8 2014** |
| **8:30-8:45 am** | **Registration**Location: 6300 Coburg Rd., University Hall, MacDonald Building |
| **8:45-10:15 am** | **Panel 4: Youth as agents of change**Chair: Lisa Lachance, CYCC (Children and Youth in Challenging Contexts) Network* **Viviana Montoya**, “Former girl soldiers in Colombia: young voices that need to be heard”
* **Kai-Hsin Hung**, “The Role of Youth in the Socio-Political Transition and Security in Post-Colonial Malawi”
* **Katelynn Northam**, “Exploring the Use of Youth Advisory Councils in Amherst and Halifax, Nova Scotia”
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| 10:15-10:30 am | Coffee and Tea Break |
| **10:30am - 12:00 pm** | **Panel 5: Representations of the Child**Chair: Sophie Jacques, Department of Psychology, Dalhousie University* **Sylvie Bodineau**, “Vulnerability and Agency. Figures of child soldiers within the narratives of child protection practitioners in the Democratic Republic of Congo, and related programs and policies”
* **Vanesa Tomasino Rodriguez**, “Humanizing Mareros: Exposing the continuum of violence, lack of reconciliation, and repressive state policies that enable the spread of gangs in El Salvador”
* **Michelle Savard** and M. Ayaz Naseem, “Navigating the Minefield of Child Soldier Research”
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| 12:00-1:00pm | Lunch |
| **1:00 – 2:30 pm** | **Panel 6: Programming, Impact and Evaluation**Chair: TBD* Alastair Ager, Janna Metzler, Kevin Savage, **Marisa Vojta**, “Child Friendly Spaces in Emergencies – Developing the Evidence Base through Rigorous Outcome and Impact Evaluations”
* **Lila Pavey**, A.Gevers, I. Kamungoma-Dada, “Preparedness of government services to support adolescent survivors of sexual violence in Mochudi, Kgatleng District, Botswana”
* **Jennifer Rossiter**, “Orphans and Vulnerable Children: Alternative Care Practices in Uganda”
* **Aiswarya Baskaran**, Brittany Kerr, Ijeoma Nnabuo, Amani Saini, **Lindsay Visser**, Sarah Wood, “Child Soldiers Initiative–Evaluation and Impact of Prevention Programs”
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| 2:30-3:00 pm | Coffee and Tea Break |
| **3:00-5:00 pm** | **Knowledge Mobilization Workshop with Dr. David Phipps**Executive Director, Research and Innovation Services, York University |
| **5:00-5:10 pm** | **Closing Remarks**David Morgan and Emily Zinck, Dalhousie UniversityCo-Chairs, Children, Youth and Security Graduate Symposium |