**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 Change  Location: 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 University  Co-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” |
| **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” |
| 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” |
| **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” |
| 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” |
| 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” |
| 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 University  Co-Chairs, Children, Youth and Security Graduate Symposium |