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# War Children in the Post-war: A West-East perspective on child policies, child experiences and war childhood remembrance cultures in Europe since 1945

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## PROGRAMME

Thursday, 13 December

09:00-10:00	<p><b>Welcome notes</b></p> <p><b>Mag. Claudia Lingner</b>, Managing Director of the Ludwig Boltzmann Gesellschaft</p> <p><b>Prof. Dr. Bogusław Dybaś</b>, Director of the Polish Academy of Sciences, Vienna</p> <p><b>Dr. habil. Ruth Leiserowitz</b>, Research Director of the German Historical Institute in Warsaw</p> <p><b>Introduction</b></p> <p><b>Maren Röger</b> and <b>Machteld Venken</b></p>
10:00-10:45	<p><b>Keynote I</b></p> <p><b>Tara Zahra</b>: <i>The Lost Children. Reconstructing Europe's Families After World War II</i></p>
11:00-13:00	<p><b>Panel I: Comparing child experiences in East and West</b></p> <p><b>Lu Seegers</b>: <i>"Living with A Dead Dad". Experiences, Memories and Interpretations of Fatherless War Children in Germany and Poland</i></p> <p><b>Anna Wylegala</b>: <i>Children's experience of the deportation and cultural adaptation: comparative study of biographical narratives from Poland and Ukraine</i></p> <p><b>Machteld Venken</b>: <i>Children's War Experiences in European Border Regions</i></p> <p><b>Commentary: Tara Zahra</b></p>
13:00-14:30	<p><b>Lunch</b></p>
14:30-17:00	<p><b>Panel II: Competition for war children I: Nationalization</b></p> <p><b>Johannes-Dieter Steinert</b>: <i>Who are the displaced children? Child forced labourers from Poland and SU</i></p> <p><b>Beata Halicka</b>: <i>Children's everyday life in Western Poland in the early post-war – methodological remarks on the work with written memories</i></p> <p><b>Ruth Leiserowitz</b>: <i>Children as Objects of Desire. The Soviet Repatriation Policy 1944-1959</i></p> <p><b>Commentary: Bengt Sandin</b></p>
18:30	<p><b>Dinner</b></p>



## Friday, 14 December

10:00-10:45	<b>Keynote II</b> <b>Bengt Sandin:</b> <i>The war time experience – neutrality - and building of welfare for children in Sweden</i>
11:00-13:00	<b>Panel III: Competition for war children II: International framework</b> <b>Michal Shapira:</b> <i>Psychoanalysis and Jewish Child Survivors</i> <b>Christina Norwig:</b> <i>The ideological competition for the war children: The European Youth Campaign 1951-1958 in the context of European integration and Cold War</i> <b>Stefania Bernini:</b> <i>Postwar Family Policy in Italy, Poland and Great-Britain. A Comparison</i> <b>Commentary: Machteld Venken</b>
13:00-14:30	<b>Lunch</b>
14:30-17:30	<b>Panel IV: Perpetrators' children - child perpetrators</b> <b>Barbara Stelzl-Marx:</b> <i>Occupation children in Austria</i> <b>Maren Röger:</b> <i>Occupation children in West and Eastern Europe</i> <b>Gregory Weeks:</b> <i>Giving Meaning to a Wartime Childhood in the Post-World War II Era. The Case of Herbert L.</i> <b>Commentaries: Lu Seegers / Maren Röger</b>
18:00-19:00	<b>Keynote III – Public Lecture</b> <b>Joanna Michlic:</b> <i>What Does A Child Remember? The Recollections of the War and the Early Post-War Period Amongst Child Survivors From Poland</i>
20:00	<b>Walking Dinner</b>



Saturday, 15 December

09:00-10:30	<p><b>Panel V: War Children and Religion</b></p> <p>Sarah Van Ruyskensvelde: <i>A school trip down memory lane ... Catholic education, pupils' memory and World War II; the case of Belgium.</i></p> <p>Marta Ansilewska: <i>Jewish Children in a Polish Catholic Surrounding</i></p> <p>Commentary: <b>Joanna Michlic</b></p>
11:00-12:30	<p><b>Panel VI: Patterns of Cultural Remembrance in East and West</b></p> <p>Ulrike Präger: <i>'Musicking' Children from the Bohemian Borderlands: Hidden and Nurtured Musical Practices on Both Sides of the Iron Curtain</i></p> <p>Anna Holian: <i>Children and War in Postwar European Films</i></p> <p>Commentary: <b>Muriel Blaive</b></p>
12:30-13:00	<p><b>Final Remarks</b></p> <p><b>Maren Röger and Machteld Venken</b></p>