



## ***Children's Family Troubles? Changes and Challenges Through Diverse Lenses***

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2013, London South Bank University**

*Registration Fee: £40 Academic and Academic Related / Students £20)*

**This symposium** will consider children's family lives and 'troubles' through diverse lenses, across varied disciplines, cultural contexts, and practice settings, addressing such themes as:

- Changes, challenges and troubles as pervasive features of children's family lives
- Expectations of childhood and of parents and their material underpinnings
- Cultural resources in the framing of troubles, and potential responses
- Consideration of these issues in relation to the potential for 'harm' and in practice settings.

These contentious and difficult issues pose questions and dilemmas for policy makers, practitioners and service users, researchers and academics, as well as family studies scholars more generally.

### **Speakers include:**

Professor Jo Boyden (Director of Young Lives, University of Oxford)

*Changing expectations of children and childhood in four developing countries: challenges for intergenerational relations.*

Dr Jonathan Dickens and Dr Georgia Philip (School of Social Work, University of East Anglia) *Challenging meetings and talking about troubles: families and professionals in statutory meetings about children*

Professor David Morgan (Emeritus Professor of Sociology, Morgan Centre, University of Manchester) *Family troubles, troubling families and family practices*

Professor Ann Phoenix (Co-Director of the Thomas Coram Research Unit, Institute of Education, University of London)

**Book launch:** This symposium follows on from a two day Colloquium held in 2010; a launch of the edited collection from this earlier event, and wine reception, will take place following on from the symposium.

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