

Journal of Youth Studies Conference 2015

Contemporary Youth, Contemporary Risks

Copenhagen, March 30th – April 1st 2015

Call for abstracts

With the title 'Contemporary Youth, Contemporary Risks' we aim at addressing the diverse challenges and risks that young people face in contemporary society. These risks are on the one hand structural, relating to youth transition processes, educational decisions, access to the labour market, housing conditions etc. On the other hand risks are also cultural, resulting from actively chosen activities and situations that are part of youth (sub-)cultural activities. Depending on whom and how we ask, risk holds both potential dangers and potential pleasures for contemporary youth. In other words, risks are both creating structures of inequality and marginalization but also contribute positively to identity formation processes.

Focusing on contemporary youth and contemporary risks, the conference aims at highlighting the interplay between these

different kinds of risks and thereby uniting the many different lines of research in the youth studies field. Further, the risk and insecurity generated by the current economic situation highly affects the lives of youth across the world, thus calling for great sensitivity towards the actual conditions of youth. It is our hope that the conference will provide an enhanced understanding of what these conditions entail.

Like the Journal of Youth Studies, the approach of the conference is broad and inclusive in terms of theoretical approach and thematic content. We therefore welcome all with an interest in studying youth, regardless of discipline, and we invite abstracts from a range of research fields.

Programme and keynote speakers

We offer three days of stimulating presentations and discussions in the heart of Copenhagen including:

- A number of distinguished keynote speakers:
 - Andy Furlong, Professor, University of Glasgow, UK
 - Tracy Shildrick, Professor, University of Leeds, UK
 - Rob MacDonald, Professor, Teesside University, UK
 - Rachel Thomson, Professor, University of Sussex, UK
 - Paul Hodkinson, Reader, University of Surrey, UK
 - Jon Kvist, Professor, Roskilde University, Denmark
 - Anita Harris, Associate Professor, Monash University, Australia
- Social events: Guided tour of Christiania, welcome reception, conference dinner
- Panel debate, methods session, editors' session, book launches

We encourage both new and experienced researchers to participate in the conference.

Abstract submission

Abstracts should consist of no more than 250 words. All abstracts should be given 3-5 keywords.

Deadlines

Submission of abstracts: November 1, 2014.
Submission of full papers: March 1, 2015.

Organisation

The conference is organised in collaboration between the Journal of Youth Studies and two Danish research institutions; SFI - The Danish National Centre for Social Research and Department of Sociology, University of Copenhagen.

Join us in Copenhagen in 2015!

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