

CALL FOR PAPERS

TRANSNATIONAL CHILDHOODS

Deadline for submission of proposal abstracts
August 31, 2014

For the topic focused on “**Transnational Childhoods**” of the journal “Transnational Social Review – A Social Work Journal” (TSR), the guest editors Ruth Emond and Florian Esser invite your submissions of proposal abstracts.

Research Interest

The romantic idea of childhood as a time of innocence and freedom has dominated western discourses of childhood over the last century. This has resulted in ‘the child’ being constructed as a universal and holistic being (Baader 2012, Kelle 2010). However, there has been a growing challenge, from within academic paradigms, to the conceptualization of ‘child’ as an anthropological universal. The classic works of Philippe Ariès (1962) concerning childhood in the middle ages and Margaret Mead’s (1930/1953) studies of childhood in non-western societies have shown that childhood is not independent from time and space, rather it is part of the historical, cultural, social and generational order of societies. Childhood Studies and Children’s Geographies have progressed these early works resulting in a range of empirical studies on the diversity and socially constructed nature of childhoods.

By focusing on transnational childhoods, this focus topic ties in with these conceptual efforts and, at the same time, pushes them a little bit further. Here, we argue that the underlying idea of transnational childhoods is not just about experiencing different childhoods in different times and spaces but that children themselves (Rigby 2011, Witte/Klein-Zimmer/Schmitt 2013) as well as the practices, knowledge and organisations related to childhood (Chambon 2011, Köngeter 2012) are moving through time and space and crossing national borders in several ways.

We invite proposals which pay credit to children’s experiences in, and with, transnational worlds as well as the informal and formal social support they are experiencing within them. We expect a broad range of topics to be addressed within this framework. These may include issues of children moving between national states (i.e. due to economic migration, transnational adoption, as refugees or through child trafficking), the transnational movement of child related practices and knowledge (i.e. of intervention programs like “Families First”), child related organisations operating between majority and minority worlds (i.e. UNICEF or small translocal child care initiatives) as well as culture and media (i.e. children adopting products of consumption culture locally or connecting virtually to others by the internet).

We welcome proposals from a range of academic disciplines - Social Work, Childhood Studies and Sociology of Childhood, Children’s Geographies, Cultural Studies, Education History and Postcolonial and Gender Studies.

Submission Requirements

A proposal, in the form of an abstract, should be no more than 500 words and should address the following: background of the proposed paper; content outline; and main discussion points.

For those proposals that will be accepted, the deadline for submission of full articles is **November 15, 2014**. The schedule and deadlines for the issue focused on “**Transnational Aging**” are:

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| August 31, 2014 | Submission of proposal abstracts |
| November 15, 2014 | Submission of full articles |
| November – December 2014 | Peer review |
| January – March 2015 | Revision of articles, if necessary |
| March 15, 2014 | Final submission of publishable articles |
| May 2015 | Publication |

Articles are to be up to 8,000 words in length. The authors are responsible for submitting proof-read articles. The instructions for authors are available under: <http://www.tandfonline.com/action/authorSubmission?journalCode=rtsr20&page=instructions#.U6glxIRhCCg>

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Concept and Objective of the Journal TSR

“Transnational Social Review – A Social Work Journal” is a peer reviewed journal that offers an international forum to discuss social work and related disciplines and professions from a transnational perspective. It responds to the challenges resulting from the increasing impact of transnational social, political, economic, and cultural processes and structures upon social work. The journal aims at the transnational opening and development of social work and related fields. Its main objective is to open perspectives for making the concept of transnationalism part of the knowledge structure and practice, in order to extend and transform the legitimation, concepts, research, and methods which to date are primarily nationally-focused.

Frequency and Structure of the Journal TSR

TSR appears twice a year, guided by an international team of editors and board members at Routledge Publishers. The journal pursues an interdisciplinary approach and fits the criteria of the Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI). All articles undergo rigorous peer reviews, based on initial editor screening and anonymous reviews by two or more referees to ensure the high quality of the journal. TSR is available online as well as in print. Its main publishing language is English but the online version offers the option to include versions of the contributions in the language in which they are originally written.

Each issue consists of a cluster of articles on a focused topic as well as general articles and book reviews. Additionally, the online version includes an open-access section of brief, up-to-date reports on research, teaching, social policies, practices and everyday-life concerning the transnational worlds of social work.

Focus Topic Issues 2014-2015:

- 1/2014 Religion and Social Work – Transnational Perspectives
- 2/2014 Social Services and Transnationality
- 3/2014 Linking Migration and Social Policy
- 1/2015 Borders – transborders – no borders: Problematizing the “figure of the migrant (call open)
- 2/2015 Transnational Childhoods (call open)
- 3/2015 Homes as Travelling Institutions

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