
With apologies for cross posting, we want to share with you our **Call for Papers to be part of a session at the RGS-IBG Annual International Conference 2020, London, September 01- 04, 2020**. Considering the broader theme on borders, borderlands and bordering we found relevant to discuss the place of urban childhoods experiences within a context of crisis where the political, social, economic and historical borders are intertwined, as it is the case of Latin America.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or comments.

Best wishes,
Maria & Natan

Session Title: Crisis in Latin America: symptoms and consequences for urban Children and Youth

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Latin America is experiencing a profound process of social change. In different forms and with different intensities, the social unrest has challenged models of development which, despite achieving relative progress in recent decades, are still reproducing historical divisions and injustices. The social discontent is (re)shaping relationships of power, the public sphere, and the everyday experiences of children and young people in the urban realm. This sequence of events asks for us to rethink the place of children and young people within local and global processes (Aitken, 2013). Moreover, it makes us rethink the role of children and the youth as part of this social process, either as passive agents who cope with injustices and obstacles in urban public spaces, or as active protagonists of public citizenship demonstrations, claiming for their right to better societies.

Wells (2017) suggested that the political and economic structures surrounding children and young people's everyday lives is increasingly constraining their agency. In this sense the session invites papers that aim to critically question how children and young people experience urban constraints, navigate local landscapes and engage with social movements within their own agency in Latin America.

We seek to explore the practical and theoretical implications of the changing Latin American landscape for children and the youth. We aim to discuss urban childhoods in convoluted times examining the interconnectedness of their lives (Holloway and Valentine, 2000) and the way their everyday lives are structured and shape by local processes.

Papers may include but are not limited to:

- The role(s) of children and young people in the process of social change
- Children and young people's urban everyday experiences within a local landscape of social unrest.
- Living in social unrest and the coping strategies in which children navigate the urban space
- Civic and social participation of children/youth in public space
- Children everyday use and appropriation of the public space.
- Spatial discourses of children and young people everyday subjective and emotional experiences.
- Dreams and expectations for children and young people's future societies.
- Children and young people's perspectives and vision for the urban realm.

Keywords: Latin America, Social Unrest, Children, Youth, Everyday Experiences, Urban Childhoods

The conference will take place at the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) in London from Tuesday 1 to Friday 4 September 2020. The conference theme is borders, borderlands and bordering.

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We want to encourage the wider community of children's geographers within UK and overseas tackling Latin American contexts to participate. In that sense, do keep in mind that whilst attendance to the session is ideal, we are also considering video-conferencing for up to a defined 20% of the authors if needed.

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