

# **The 9<sup>th</sup> International Foster Care Research Network Conference**

## ***Continuity and Disruption in Foster Care***

Wednesday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>  
to Friday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> 2017  
Campus de Nanterre

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## Wednesday, 27th of September 2017

**Venue:** to be confirmed

**13:00** Welcome

**13:30** Opening of the Conference

- Thierry Meyer, Vice President of Université Paris Nanterre
- Klaus Wolf, International Foster Care Research Network, Universität Siegen, Germany
- Séverine Euillet, Philippe Fabry, Hélène Join-Lambert, Amélie Turlais, organizing team of the conference, Université Paris Nanterre

### **14:00 - 14h45** Plenary Session 1

***Making sense of dis/continuities: From policy discourse to lived experience for young people in care*** Janet Boddy, CIRCY, University of Sussex, UK

**14:45 – 15:00** Coffee break

**15:00 - 15:30** Commented Posters

- E. Delaville (France) Children and adolescents' emotional regulation according to the trajectory of their placement in foster care
- S. Euillet (France) Quality of life in foster care: children's point of view/ La qualité de vie en accueil familial : le point de vue des jeunes
- M. Handfield (Canada) Relationship between placement changes and mental health in child sexual abuse victims: a hierarchical regression
- N. Lanctôt (Canada) Continuité et changement des difficultés d'adolescentes placées en centre de réadaptation : un regard sur l'hétérogénéité des profils
- V. Ramon (France) APFEL - Promoting Foster care at the EU level
- A. Rigamonti (Italia) Learning by rhythms: a co-operative inquiry about foster care
- E. Toussaint (France) Children's subjective well-being in child welfare
- M. Turcotte (Canada) The many faces of the former foster youth label: How young women make sense of their experiences in care to develop and maintain a positive identity
- A. Turlais, S. Euillet, C. Ganne (France) How assessing the situation of a child can be used to work on continuities and avoid disruptions during a foster placement?

## 15:30 – 17:00 Workshops 1 to 4

### ► **Workshop 1 - Young adults** /// moderator: **Pierrine Robin**

- N. Lanctôt, M. Turcotte (Canada) Searching for answers : ambiguous loss associated to the history of placement in residential care
- N. Luke (UK) Measuring 'stability' using national care and educational data
- Y. Sulimani-Aidan (Israel) To dream the impossible dream: care leavers' challenges and barriers in pursuing their future expectations and goals

### ► **Workshop 2 - Attachment 1** /// moderator: **Philippe Fabry**

- F.X. Mayaux, D. Derivois, C. Viode (France) Institutional and family ties of the child placed in foster care
- F. Amione, F. Bruni, E. De Cecco, P. Tagliapietra (Italia) Part-time foster care: integration of educational and affective relationships
- S. Euillet (France) Long-term foster care in France : evolution of children attachment and context effects
- M. Mögel, M. Meierhofer (Switzerland) Hello womb mummy! Coherence and fragmentation in mental representations of self, relationship and belonging in looked after preschool children, according to continuity, commitment and disruption in care arrangements in infancy

### ► **Workshop 3 - Work practices 1** /// moderator: **Monica Lopez**

- N. Fuentes-Peleaz, C. Pastor, M.A. Balsells (Spain) Support in reunification: a way to give continuity during foster care
- G. Pagé, B. Decaluwe, D. Chateauneuf (Canada) Continuity through openness towards child's birth family in a foster-to-adopt setting: how foster-to-adopt parents' and social workers' perceptions collide
- E. Ott (UK) Matching in foster care: Review of the evidence and primary research with children, carers, and social workers in England
- J. Carvalho, P. Delgado, V. Pinto (Portugal and UK) Reunification in foster care: what think professionals and students?

### ► **Workshop 4 - Contact in Foster Care** /// **symposium**

- I. Bernedo, M. Salsas, M. Fuentes, M.A. Garcia-Martin (Spain) Contact visits between foster children and their birth family in Andalusia (Spain)
- A. Goemens, M. van Geel, P. Vedder (Netherlands) The role of contact in Dutch foster care
- P. Delgado, J. Carvalho, V. Pinto (Portugal) Family relations, contact and well being in Portuguese Foster Care

## 17:00 – 18:30 Workshops 5 to 8

### ► **Workshop 5 - Parents** /// moderator: **Robert Gilligan**

- R. Bagdonat-Stelmokien, V. Magnus (Lithuania) "Emotional Triangle": Experience of Foster Parents in Their Relationship with Non-relative Foster Child and Biological Family
- N. Chapon (France) Between breaks and continuities, the question of the links in foster care family in France
- G. Andersson (Sweden) Reunification and replacement in childhood and relationship with parents as adults
- A. Deprez, J. Wendland (France) Could evaluation of babies' relational withdrawal be a key to understand the effect of parental visitation for babies placed out of home ?

► **Workshop 6 - Mental Health** /// moderator: **Amélie Turlais**

- A. Fresno, R. Spencer, P. Bravo (Chile) Normative attachment and attachment disorders in non-parental care contexts in Chile
- M. Handfield, I. Daigneault, T. Esposito (Canada) Number of placement changes as a predictor of mental health in child sexual abuse victims
- A. Steenbakkers, S. Van der Steen, H. Grietens (Netherlands) How do foster youth experience the impact of adverse childhood events?
- A. Novo, P. Richard, B. Golse, G. Apter (France) Mixed analysis of the children's outcome who having been placed in therapeutic foster care.

► **Workshop 7 - Voices** /// moderator: **Daniela Reimer**

- M. Neagu (UK) What Was It Like? – Care Leavers' Accounts of Moving In and Between Care Placements
- A.M. Herdtle (Luxembourg) Disruptions and continuities in young peoples' transitions to adulthood
- D. Wubs, H. Grietens, L. Batstra (The Netherlands) Experiences of women fostering a victim of maternal sexual abuse
- J. Vanderfaellie, A. Clé, F. Van Holen (Belgium) Flemish foster children on their foster care placement: a qualitative study

► **Workshop 8 - Education** /// moderator: **Claire Cameron**

- H. Join-Lambert, B. Denecheau, P. Robin, S. Dottori (France) Continuity around schooling for children placed away from home: about consistency between educators in Children's villages
- A. O'Higgins (UK) What is the role of carer involvement in predicting pupil engagement and school performance? A longitudinal analysis.
- E. Ott, A. O'Higgins (UK) The education of unaccompanied asylum-seeking children in care
- E. Melkman (UK) Trajectories of educational performance of children in care in England

**19:30** Dinner in Paris

Brasserie Mollard, 115, rue Saint Lazare, 75008 Paris

## Thursday 28th of September 2017

**Venue:** to be confirmed

**08:45** Welcome

### **9:15 - 10:00** Plenary Session 2

**Continuity in Kinship Care in France** Bernadette Tillard, Clersé, Université Lille 1, France

**10:00 – 10:30** Coffee break

**10:30 – 11:00** Commented Posters

## 11:00 - 12:30 Workshops 9 to 12

### ► **Workshop 9 - Attachment 2** /// moderator: **Klaus Wolf**

- P. Fabry (France) Foster families and adoptions
- C. Cameron, H. Hauari (UK) Towards a more comprehensive concept of support: belonging and recognition
- M. Chistolini, G. Salvadori (Italy) Permanent placement in foster care: how to provide support in ambiguous frameworks
- C. Danner Touati, A.S. Deborde (France) Vulnerabilities factors during placement: comparative studies between different modalities of placement (foster care vs institutional care; placement with siblings vs separate placement)

### ► **Workshop 10 - Programmes** /// moderator: **Hans Grietens**

- V. Pinto (UK) Perspectives on assessing foster carers: A cross-country comparison of the factors that are associated with successful placements
- L. Jamet, A. Oui (France) Practices of foster care regulation to promote continuity in care
- M. Beek, G. Schofield, E. Neil (UK) Continuities and discontinuities in the transition from a short-term foster family to a long-term family
- L. Shklarski (USA) Comparing the Efficacy of Two Interventions to Promote Lasting Relationships for Foster Youth

### ► **Workshop 11- Kinship care** /// moderator: **Bernadette Tillard**

- S. Hélie, M.A. Poirier (Canada) Placement trajectories of children placed in family foster care and kinship care in the province of Quebec
- G. Pagé, J. Allyson, S. Hélie, T. Esposito (Canada) Kinship care, foster care or foster-to-adopt: which setting is better in terms of stability and permanence for very young children?
- F. Van Holen, J. Van Loock, J. Vanderfaellie (Belgium) Concept mapping the needs of grandmothers who take care of their grandchildren in formal foster care

### ► **Workshop 12 - Trajectories** /// moderator: **Daniela Reimer**

- E. Brady (Ireland) A life course approach to studying the experiences of foster care alumni: A case study exploring the educational pathways of care-experienced adults
- V. Parent, S.L. Fraser (Canada) Crossed regards on youth and interveners sense-making on oppositional and aggressive situations in a residential care welfare setting
- T. Gabriel, R. Stohler, C. Bombach (Switzerland) Processes Leading to Foster Care Breakdown
- M. Robert, R. Karam, T. Leonora (Canada) Runaway behaviour in group homes: what are runaways trying to tell us ?

## 12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

## 14:00- 15:00 Plenary session 3

**Foster care in Chile: current status and challenges** Rosario Spencer, Profesor Facultad de Psicología, Universidad de Talca, Chile

## 15:00 – 15:30 Coffee break

## 15:30 – 17:00 Workshops 13 to 16

### ► **Workshop 13 - Work practices 2** /// moderator: **Benjamin Denecheau**

- R. Gilligan (Ireland) Disrupting narratives of failure: How foster carers can help cultivate long term narratives of potential for young people in foster care
- T. Diaz-Tartalo, N. Fuentes-Peleaz, A. Garriga-Alsina (Spain) Facilitating and hostile foster families: early detection as means to promote continuity
- E. Timonen-Kallio, J. Hämäläinen, E. Laukkanen (Finland) Interprofessional collaboration in Finnish residential child care; challenges for RCC workers and mental care practitioners working together
- G. Schoffield, J. Cossar, E. Ward (UK) Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ) Children in Foster Care: Managing continuities and discontinuities of relationships and identities

### ► **Workshop 14 - Emotions** /// moderator: **Amélie Turlais**

- P. Rudin (Switzerland) Rethinking Mental Health: Foster Children, Emotions and Behaviour
- P. Simon-Herrera, N. Duriet, A. Blanchet (France) The foster child development in regard of emotion regulation strategies
- G. Douieb, M. Feldman (France) Representations of the concept of separations of children (7 to 10 years old) in foster care.

### ► **Workshop 15 - Changes** /// moderator: **Janet Boddy**

- L. Holmes, C. Baker, H. Trivedi (UK) The process of placement change
- M. Turcotte, F. Fenchel, N. Lanctôt, D. Lafortune (Canada) Conceptualizing secure care for child protection motives: Can placement disruptions in foster care offer stability?
- S. Hébert, N. Lanctôt, M. Turcotte (Canada) Placement instability and its psychological shifts: the centrality of adolescent girls' sense of agency
- C. Montserrat (Spain) The effect of instability on children in foster care: a compilation of evidence

### ► **Workshop 16 - Ingredients for foster placement success** /// **symposium**

- J. Fluke, D.M. Hollinshead (USA) Decision-making, Predictors of placement outcomes
- P. Vania (UK) Perspectives on assessing foster carers: A cross-country comparison of the factors that are associated with successful placements
- M. Lopez Lopez, K. Zeijlmans, H. Grietens, E. Knorth (Netherlands) The contribution of matching to the success of a foster care placement

## Friday 29th of September 2017

Research - Practice dialogue on Continuity and Disruption in Foster Care

**Venue:** Amph A1

**09:00** Registration

**09:15** Welcome Address

### **10:00 - 10:30 Plenary Session**

**Placement disruptions - a multi-perspective access** Daniela Reimer, Foster Care Research Network, Universität Siegen, Germany

## 10:30 - 12:00 Roundtable 1

**Continuity and Disruption: What about the plurality of links?**

**Moderator:** Anne Oui, ONPE

**Speakers:**

- Nathalie Chapon, CIMERSS, Université Aix-Marseille, France
- Gillian Schofield, East Anglia University, Royaume-Uni
- Robert Theisen, Psychologist, Luxembourg
- Jean-Marie Muller, FNADEPAPE, France

12:00 – 12:45 Poster session

12:45 – 13:40 Lunch Break

*The catering service of Nanterre university is completely saturated, therefore it will be proposed to participants a lunch box which will include: 1 roll-up of goat and cucumber, a small tomato mozzarella sandwich, a brownie and a bottle of water. For participants to the Foster Care Network conference, this lunch box is included in the registration fee.*

## 13:45 - 15:15 Roundtable 2

**Continuity and Disruption: What about foster children's trajectories?**

**Moderator:** Moïsette CHAUBARD, foster carer, member of the ANPF Bureau

**Speakers:**

- Hans Grietens, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, Pays-Bas
- Bep Van Sloten, Projet Mijn Backpack, Pays-Bas
- Nicole Haccart, Institut de formation en psychoéducation et santé mentale, Montpellier, France
- Françoise Gaillard, social worker and Nathalie Haltel, manager of service d'accueil familial du Prado de Bourgogne, France

## 15:15 - 16:45 Roundtable 3

**Continuity and Disruption: What about the institutional follow-up?**

**Moderator:** Philippe Fabry, CREF, Université Paris Nanterre

**Speakers:**

- Catherine Lenzi et David Grand, AREFIS-IREIS, France
- Clara Bombach, Zürche Hochschule für Angewandte Wissenschaften, Zurich, Suisse
- Marie-France Lambert, Main manager of Parcours d'accueil, Belgique
- Patricia Brunel, Head of the foster care service, Conseil départemental du Val-de-Marne, France

16:45 - 17:00 Closing remarks



