The Conference is the second of a bi-annual international Conference series that has been prompted by the current international vitality of geographies of children, young people and families. The aim of the Conference is to provide a forum for the exchange of different knowledge, ideas and experiences from researchers and practitioners working in variety of international contexts and disciplinary fields.

The Conference theme ‘Diverse childhoods in international contexts: gender and other social and cultural differences’ provides a collaborative attempt to enhance geographical conceptualisations of childhood and youth by more fully establishing children and young people in their diverse socio-spatial contexts and focusing on and exploring diversity among them.

The aim is to build upon and enhance dialogue between feminists and other scholars of social difference and researchers of geographies of children, youth and families. Several issues will be explored such as children’s mobility and migrations; family, housing and daily life; socio-spatial networks and relationships; identity and subjectivity; children and young people’s emotional geographies; public policies and children’s participation; experiences of security and risk; justice and law; or health and environment. The Conference is, thus, designed to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and networking between researchers interested in any field of geographies of children, young people and families from a critical and feminist standpoint.
**Day 1: Thursday 16th July 2009**

09:00 - 09:30 Arrivals and registration

09:30 - 10:00 CONFERENCE WELCOME

10:00 - 11:00 KEYNOTE 1: **Dr. Cindi Katz** (City University of New York, USA), “Accumulation, excess, and childhood: towards a countertopography of risk and waste”

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 - 13:00 SESSION 1a: Children’s mobilities and migrations/1
SESSION 1b: Family, housing and daily life

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 - 15:30 SESSION 2a: Children’s mobilities and migrations/2
SESSION 2b: Education spaces: policies, planning and participation/1

15:30 - 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 - 17:30 SESSION 3a: Environment
SESSION 3b: Education spaces: policies, planning and participation/2

17:30 - 18:15 Drinks reception sponsored by Children’s Geographies (Taylor and Francis Journal)

19:30 Conference dinner: Campus Hotel

**Day 2: Friday 17th July 2009**

09:30 - 10:00 Day welcome and announcements

10:00 - 11:00 KEYNOTE 2: **Dr. Lia Karsten** (University of Amsterdam, Netherlands), “Diverse childhoods: children’s bridging social networks at school and in the neighbourhood in different periods of time”

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 - 13:00 SESSION 4a: Socio-spatial networks and relationships/1
SESSION 4b: Identity and subjectivity/1

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 - 15:00 KEYNOTE 3: **Dr. Louise Holt** (University of Reading, UK), “Looking beyond the ‘middle years of childhood’: bringing babies into geographies of children, youth and families”

15:00 - 16:30 SESSION 5a: Socio-spatial networks and relationships/2
SESSION 5b: Identity and subjectivity/2

16:30 - 17:00 Coffee break

17:00 - 18:30 SESSION 6a: Socio-spatial networks and relationships/3
SESSION 6b: Identity and subjectivity/3

**Day 3: Saturday 18th July 2009**

09:30 - 11:00 SESSION 7a: Security and risk
SESSION 7b: Young people, health and disabilities/1

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 - 13:00 SESSION 8a: Justice and law
SESSION 8b: Young people, health and disabilities/2

13:00 - 13:30 CONFERENCE CLOSE