

**Citizenship Challenges for Children and Young People:
Barriers, Borders, and Bureaucracy in Historical and Contemporary Perspectives**

Tuesday and Wednesday, 12-13 May 2026

Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU Brussels Office), Rue Guimard 9, 1040 Bruxelles, Belgium

DAY 1 TUESDAY, 12 MAY, 9:30-16:00		
Time	Paper	Discussant
09.30-10.00	Participants' Arrival, Registration, and Coffee	
10.00-10.15	Opening session: Welcome, Introductions, and Discussion of the Goals of the Workshop Michael J. Geary and Beatrice Scutaru	
10.15-10.45	Fabio Macedo (Université d'Angers), <i>Migration, Nationality, Gender and Care: Orphans and Abandoned Foreign Children and Their Mothers in France (1850–1914)</i>	Luciana Jinga
10.45–11.15	Hacer Elmacı (University of Leeds), <i>Visualising the British Empire through Images of the Nation's Children: A Critical Analysis of English School History Textbooks</i>	Fabio Macedo
11.15-11.45	Luciana Jinga, (ICCMER/University of Bucharest), <i>Paper Lives: Bureaucratic Violence, Humanitarian Aid, and the Reconstruction of Childhood in Post-Socialist Romania</i>	Beatrice Scutaru
11.45-12.00	Coffee Break	
12.00-12.30	Tatiana Eremenko (University of Salamanca), <i>Experience of Irregularity among Child Migrants in France</i>	Hacer Elmacı
12.30-13.00	Jonathan Collinson (University of Sheffield) and Andrew Jolly (University of Birmingham), <i>No Recourse to Public Funds: Childhood Destitution, and the Paradox of Excluding British Citizen Children of Migrant Parents from Welfare Entitlements</i>	Michael J. Geary
13.00-14.30	Lunch	

14.30-15.00	Stephanie Zloch (Dresden University of Technology), <i>Compulsory Schooling as a Pathway to Belonging? Citizenship Challenges and Youth Agency in Germany's Education System since 1945</i>	Aisling Shalvey [ONLINE]
15.00-15.30 [ONLINE]	Lara-Zuzan Golesorkhi (University of Portland), <i>Invisible in Transit: Educational Challenges for Children and Youth on the Move</i>	Susan Beth Rottmann [ONLINE]
15.30-16.00	Olga Krysanova (ISCTE-IUL/NOVA), <i>Motivation as a Culturally Informed Factor in Integration of Refugee Youths in Portugal</i>	April Maja Almaas

DAY 2 | WEDNESDAY, 13 MAY, 09:00-13:00

Time	Paper	Discussant
09.00-09.30	Participants' Arrival, Registration, and Coffee	
09.30-10.30	Bibliography Input Task Session (All Participants)	
10.30-11.00	April Maja Almaas (Norwegian University of Science and Technology), <i>The challenges of Family Reunification Processes for Unaccompanied Refugee Minors as Seen by Employees in the Norwegian Health and Integration Services</i>	Olga Krysanova
11:00-11.30	Shila Khuki de Vries (Radboud University), (also with Kristen Cheney and Sarah Janaki Peshala de Vos), <i>"If we do not speak out, no one else will": Dutch Adoptee Activism and its Impact on Inter-country Adoption Policy in The Netherlands</i>	Stephanie Zloch
11:30-11:45	Coffee Break	
11:45-12.15 [ONLINE]	Tin Maung Htwe (Chiang Mai University), <i>Administering Invisibility, Street-Level Bureaucracy and the Production of Statelessness in Ban Mai Nai Soi Refugee Camp, Thailand</i>	Michael J. Geary
12:15-12:45 [ONLINE]	Bridget Wooding Obmica (Observatory Caribbean Migrants, Santo Domingo), <i>Contestation by Young People of New Legal Barriers for Access to Nationality in the Dominican Republic</i>	Shila Khuki de Vries
12:45-13:00	Wrap-Up and Discussion of Next Steps	

For those joining digitally, here is the link for connecting (the same link for both days):

<https://NTNU.zoom.us/j/9067599977?pwd=RCsyNmNrQzNmWVZWZWEg0QS9tenprQT09&omn=94663140598>

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