The Child and the Book Conference - history

**About the conference**

Inaugurated in 2004 as a postgraduate-run conference, the Child and the Book has annually attracted delegates from all round the world, and offers a unique opportunity for postgraduate students to present and discuss their work, in company with established scholars.   
  
This inter-disciplinary event was inaugurated in 2004 at Roehampton University. It was then hosted in 2005 by the University of Antwerp; in 2006 by the University of Newcastle in the UK; in 2007 by the Department of Western Languages and Literature at Bogaziçi University in Istanbul, Turkey; in 2008 at Buffalo State University in upstate New York, USA; in 2009 by Vancouver Island University, Canada; in 2011 by the University of Norway; and in 2012 by the Department of Education at Cambridge University.

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| 15 | 2021 | 24-26 March | Berlin Germany | Transformation and Continuity: Political and Cultural Changes in Children’s Literature from the Past Century to the Present Day | Freie Universität Berlin, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin | https://www.cbc2020.org | Farriba Schulz  [farrschu@zedat.fu-berlin.de](mailto:farrschu@zedat.fu-berlin.de)  Bettina Kümmerling-Meibauer  [bettina.kuemmerling-meibauer@uni-tuebingen.de](mailto:bettina.kuemmerling-meibauer@uni-tuebingen.de)  Petra Anders  petra.anders@hu-berlin.de |  |
| 14 | 2019 | 8-10 May | Zadar, Croatia | Beyond the Canon (of Children’s Literature) | HIDK & University of Zadar | <http://cbc2019.hidk.hr/> | Smiljana Narančić Kovač  [smiljnk@gmail.com](mailto:smiljnk@gmail.com)  Robert Bacalja  [rbacalja@unizg.hr](mailto:rbacalja@unizg.hr) |  |
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| 13 | 2017 | 30 March – 1 April | Valencia, Spain | Interdisciplinary links between children's literature and the other arts | Teachers' Training Faculty, University of Valencia, Spain | <http://www.uv.es/thechildandthebook2017/program.html> | Xavier Minguez Lopez [xavier.minguez@uv.es](mailto:xavier.minguez@uv.es) |  |
| 12 | 2016 | 19–21 May | Wroclaw, Poland | Children’s literature and play | Faculty of Philology  University of Wrocław, Poland | <http://www.childlitassn.org/assets/docs/cfp%20-%20childrens%20literature%20and%20play.pdf>  <https://cambridgechildrenslit.wordpress.com/2016/05/31/8-reasons-why-we-enjoyed-the-child-and-the-book-2016/>  <http://www.irscl.com/news/?author=1&paged=14> | Dorota Michułka [dorota.michulka@uwr.edu.pl](mailto:dorota.michulka@uwr.edu.pl)  ADVISORY BOARD Vanessa Joosen (University of Antwerp, Belgium) Ǻse Marie Ommundsen (University of Oslo, Norway) Marnie Campagnaro (University of Padua, Italy) Georgia Kalogirou (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece) Ana Margarida Ramos (University of Aveiro, Portugal) |  |
| 11 | 2015 | 26–28 March | Aveiro, Portugal | Children's literature – Fractures and Disruptions | Centre for Didactics and Technology in Teacher Education (CIDTFF), Department of Education, University of Aveiro, Portugal | <http://childbook2015.web.ua.pt/>  <http://www.childlitassn.org/assets/docs/cfp%20-%20the%20child%20and%20the%20book%20conference.pdf> | Ana Margarida Ramos (University of Aveiro, Portugal)  …  Sandie Mourão |  |
| 10 | 2014 | 10–12 April | Athens, Greece | Time, Space and Memory in Literature for Children and Young Adults | The National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece | <http://www.irscl.com/news/?author=1&paged=19> | Tzina Kalogirou [gkalog@primedu.uoa.gr](mailto:gkalog@primedu.uoa.gr)  Keynote: Åse Marie Ommundsen |  |
| 9 | 2013 | 21–23 March | Padua, Italy | Children’s Literature, Technology and Imagination. Research, Problems and Perspectives. | The Department of Department of Philosophy, Sociology, Pedagogy and Applied Psychology (FISPPA) of University of Padua, Italy | <http://crytc.uwinnipeg.ca/portal/node/921> | Marnie Campagnaro  [marnie.campagnaro@unipd.it](mailto:marnie.campagnaro@unipd.it). |  |
| 8 | 2012 | 30 March – 1 April | Cambridge, UK | Towards Common Ground: Philosophical Approaches to Children's Literature | Faculty of Education,  The Cambridge–Homerton Research and Teaching Centre for Children’s Literature University of Cambridge | <https://www.educ.cam.ac.uk/centres/childrensliterature/childandthebook/> | Erin Spring: [ees34@cam.ac.uk](mailto:ees34@cam.ac.uk) |  |
| 7 | 2011 | 8-10 April | Oslo, Norway | Picturebooks of the New Millennium | Nordic Network for Children’s Literature Research, University of Oslo, Norway | <http://journals.co-action.net/index.php/blft/article/view/25170/34569>  <http://lux.leuphana.de/vufind/Record/52352630>X | Åse Marie Ommundsen [asemarie.ommundsen@hioa.no](mailto:asemarie.ommundsen@hioa.no) |  |
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| 6 | 2009 | 1–3 May | Nanaimo, British Columbia, Canada | This Land is Our Land  (Book: *Knowing Their Place?*  *Identity and Space in Children’s Literature*, eds. Terri Doughty and Dawn Thompson) | Faculty of Education,  Vancouver Island University | <http://library.hi7.co/cfp--2009-child-and-the-book-conference-for-graduate-students-565e811547542.html> | Virginia MacCarthy [Virginia.MacCarthy@viu.ca](mailto:Virginia.MacCarthy@viu.ca)  Terri Doughty |  |
| 5 | 2008 | 16–18 May | New York, USA | Making the World Perfect: Child and the Book  Graduate Student Conference. | Buffalo State College, Buffalo State University, Buffalo, NY. New York, USA | <https://conferencealerts.com/show-event?id=ca13m808> | Karen Sands-O'Connor  2008. |  |
| 4 | 2007 | 30 March - 1 April | Istanbul, Turkey. | Lost in Translation. | Department of Western Languages and Literatures, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey | <https://blogs.harvard.edu/thinking/2006/07/27/childrens-literature-lost-in-translation-the-child-and-the-book-con/>  <http://archive.is/xEPvE>  <http://archive.is/xEPvE> | Anthony Pavlik: [cb2007@boun.edu.tr](mailto:cb2007@boun.edu.tr)  Keynote: Professor [Zohar Shavit](https://archive.is/o/xEPvE/web.archive.org/web/20070429233758/http:/cb2007.boun.edu.tr/keynotes.htm) from Tel Aviv University  elected 2006 conference papers will be published by [Pied Piper Publishing](https://archive.is/o/xEPvE/web.archive.org/web/20070429233758/http:/www.piedpiperpublishing.com/) |  |
| 3 | 2006 | 7-9 April | Newcastle upon Tyne, UK | Children's Literature:  From the Past to the Future | NIASSH, University of Newcastle | <https://call-for-papers.sas.upenn.edu/cfp/2005/11/08/cfp-childrens-lit-grad-uk-121605-4706-4906-1> | Sarah Barber  Keynote: Professor Kim Reynolds  Laura Atkins  contact email:  [atkinslea@yahoo.com](mailto:atkinslea@yahoo.com) |  |
| 2 | 2005 | 16 April ?? | Antwerp, Belgium | Changing Concepts of Childhood and Children's Literature | University of Antwerp, Belgium |  | Vanessa Joosen and Katrien Vloeberghs  Keynote speeches from Professor  Roberta Seelinger Trites (University of Illinois) and Professor Maria Nikolajeva  (University of Stockholm).  Papers from Antwerp were published by Cambridge Scholars Press |  |
| 1 | 2004 | ? | London, UK | ? | Roehampton University, London, UK |  | Selected papers from the Roehampton conference   were published in *The New Review of Children's Literature and Librarianship***.** |  |