

# The Scale of the Child

Working Seminar on Children, Design and Material Culture

Date: May 15 2018 12.00-17.00

## PROGRAM

12.00-12.30 Welcome by Ning de Coninck-Smith and Trine Brun Petersen  
Sandwiches will be served during the welcome

Keynote lecture

12.30-13.30 Gary Cross, Penn State University  
"Childhood and Play Miniatures in 20th Century America: Generation, Autonomy and Memor"

Playthings and souvenirs of fantasy/spectacle sites (like theme parks) have been passed down to children as miniatures of adult life. As such they have been messages sent across generations from adult to child. However, these objects have also come to represent breaks in that generational flow as these objects became divorced from parental experience and aspiration. In turn, they have sometimes become collectible tokens of adult memory of their own childhoods, sometimes, but often not, connected with the sensibilities of the currently young. This talk will explore some dimensions of this complex phenomenon in a discussion of the history of toys and theme park souvenirs across the 20th century.

Short presentations

13.30-14.00 Anders V. Munch, University of Southern Denmark  
In and Out of Scales. Zooming in on Children

14.00-14.30 Katrine Stenum, Trapholt  
Kay Bojesen – a Playful Person

14.30-15.00 Ning de Coninck-Smith, Aarhus University  
From Playing on the Table to Playing on the Floor. Kay Bojesens Toys and the Spaces of Children

Coffee break

15.30-16.00 Trine Brun Petersen, University of Southern Denmark  
Fashioning Childhood in the Danish Welfare State: The Case of "Englebørn"

16.00-16.30 Anna-Mamusu Sesay, Design School Kolding  
Stepping into the Baby's Wardrobe - Opening up for the Complexity of Sustainable Consumption

16.30-17.00 Helle Maria Skovbjerg, Design School Kolding  
Play Media – A Conceptualization of Play Tools

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## REGISTRATION

Participants are kindly asked to sign up: <http://webpay.sdu.dk/system/children>  
Seats are limited. Please sign up no later than May 9.

Participation is free of charge.

## VENUE

University of Southern Denmark  
Universitetsparken 1  
6000 Kolding  
Room 61.01

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