The 11th Annual International Conference of the Society for the Study of Childhood in the Past will be held from Thursday, 20. September 2018 to Saturday, 22. September 2018 in Vienna, at the Natural History Museum. The conference aims to bring together scholars across multiple disciplines, in particular archaeology, physical and cultural anthropology.

The conference theme ‘Pregnancy, birth, early infancy and childhood: life’s greatest transitions in the past’ emerges from the ERC project ‘The Value of mothers to society: responses to motherhood and child rearing practices in prehistoric Europe’ hosted by the Institute of Oriental and European Archaeology of the Austrian Academy of Sciences.

The SSCIP Conference is open to further aspects of recent research into children and childhood in the past. It aims to broaden our knowledge about natural and cultural aspects of childhood in the past, stimulate discussions and foster collaboration between participants.
THURSDAY, 20. SEPTEMBER 2018

12:00 Registration Desk Open

14:00 Sally Crawford
Welcome to the 11th Annual SSCIP Conference

14:00 Sabine Eggers
Welcome to the Natural History Museum in Vienna

14:00 Katharina Rebay-Salisbury & Doris Pany-Kucera
Introduction to ‘Pregnancy, birth, early infancy and childhood’

14:20 April Nowell
Re-evaluating the personhood of Gravettian infants

14:40 John Whittaker & Kathryn Kamp
Weaponry and Children: Technological and Social Trajectories

15:00 Luis Pezo Lanfranco & Sabine Eggers
Childhood in a Shellmound: Weaning Strategies, Parental Investment and Population Growth

15:20 Coffee

15:50 Soraya Alencar
Intergenerational relations in the past: cross-generational practices in domestic economic production at Monte Alban, Oaxaca, Mexico

16:10 Ekaterina Stamboliyska
How and when life is considered to begin in past societies. Investigation of children burial remains of Durankulak necropolis, North-East Bulgaria

16:30 Daniela Kern
Own abilities and inherited rank – status and prestige of children in the 3rd millennium BC

16:50 Eszter Melis, Tamás Hajdu, Kitti Köhler & Viktória Kiss
Children in the territory of western Hungary during the Early and Middle Bronze Age. The recognition of developmental stages in the past

17:10 Klaudia Daňová, Katarína Hladíková, Lucie Vélová, Michal Erné, Peter Limburský & Petra Stránska
Variability of Children’s Burial Rite of the Únětice Culture in Bohemia, Moravia and Slovakia

18:00 Welcome Drinks (Natural History Museum, Dinosaur Hall)

FRIDAY, 21. SEPTEMBER 2018

9:20 Margarita Sánchez Romero
Bodies, infancies and agency in Bronze Age Iberia

9:40 Daria Ložnjak Dizdar and Petra Rajić Šikanjić
Childhood in Late Bronze and Early Iron Age in southern Carpathian Basin

10:00 Beata Kaczmarek
Mykenaean childhood – Linear B script versus archaeological artefacts

10:20 Nadia Pezzulla
Dumu.gaba, štīru e Guruš/sal.Tur.tur, Recognition of Developmental Stages in Ancient Mesopotamia

10:40 Coffee
11:10  Elisa Perego, Rafael Scopacasa & Veronica Tamorri
Child personhood in late prehistoric Italy. Implications from bioarchaeology, archaeothanatology and archaeological theory

11:30  Anna Serra
Recognition of children and age ranges in the necropolis of Spina

11:50  Christina Papageorgopoulou & Tasos Zisis
Bioarchaeology of children in North Aegean Greek colonies

12:10  Lunch

14:00  Hanna Ammar
Greek children and their wheel carts on classical Greek vases

14:20  Alexandra Syrogianni
Teeny – Tiny Little Coffins: From the Embrace of Mother to the Embrace of Hades in Greek Ancient Society

14:40  Candace McGovern
A Woman’s World: Exploring obstetric dilemmas among urban Romano-British females

15:00  Chryssi Bourbou & Véronique Dasen
At “The Land of Three Lakes”: A bioarchaeological perspective on non-adult mortality and health patterns from Roman Aventicum, Switzerland (1st-3rd c. AD)

15:20  Coffee

15:50  Zsófia Rácz & Tamás Szeniczey
Beloved successors, young fiancées? Children graves of the 6th-8th century cemeteries of Kölked (South-West Hungary)

16:10  Esme Hookway
Troubled Times: an investigation of Medieval hospitals in England as places of refuge for pregnant women and children

16:30  Sanna Lipkin, Saara Tuovinen & Erika Ruhl
Change in time and space: Remembering newborns and infants in Post-Medieval Finland

16:50  Sally Crawford & Eileen Murphy
SSCIP society and journal ’Childhood in the Past’

17:10  Annual General Meeting of the Society

19:00  Conference Dinner (Stiegl Ambulanz, Altes AKH, Alser Straße 4, 1090 Vienna)

SATURDAY, 22. SEPTEMBER 2018

9:20  Matthew Stanton
Benjamin Keach: The Recognition of Developmental Stages in the Religious and Cultural Instruction of Children in the Early Modern World

9:40  Kirsty Squires
We don’t need no education: the value of education in 19th century Stoke-on-Trent, UK

10:00  Jane Eva Baxter
How to Die “A Good Death”: Teaching Young Children about Mortality in 19th Century America

10:20  R. J. Knight
Pets, prisoners, and property: Enslaved childhood in slaveholding households
10:40  Coffee

11:10  Jennifer L. Muller  
To Let Live or Let Die: Poorhouse Responses to the Socially Transformative Powers of Children

11:30  Paula Luz M. Pamintuan-Riva  
Bringing Up Baby (Under the Colonial Gaze): Children and Childrearing through Colonial Photographs of Traditional Babywearing in the Cordillera, Northern Philippines

11:50  Conclusion and poster presentations

12:10  Lunch

13:30  Behind the Scenes Tour in the Natural History Museum Vienna

POSTERS

- Extracting obstetric histories from pelvic features (Doris Pany-Kucera, Ute Michaela Spannagl-Steiner & Katharina Rebay-Salisbury, Vienna)
- Sexual dimorphism of the human sacrum revisited (Viktoria A. Krenn, Cinzia Fornai, Martina Nueesc & Martin Haeusler)
- Coffin birth or post-mortem foetal extrusion: an on-going archaeological debate (Veronica Tamorri & Elisa Perego)
- Perinatal Pathology: Considering the implications and limitations for the identification and interpretation of pathological lesions (Claire Hodson)
- A burial of a pregnant woman from the Early Middle Ages in Lower Austria (Pamela Klena-Pail, Doris Schamall & Christian Reiter)
- Planning Ahead – artificial cranial deformation: an exceptional form of child care (Karin Wilschke-Schroetta & Doris Pany-Kucera)
- Isotopes and early reproductive life: a pilot study using modern Sudanese teeth (Corinne Feuillatre, Julia Beaumont, Henry Jackson and Fadil Elamin)
- Weaning Age at 10th and 11th Century Graveyard of Oberleiserberg, Austria (Nina Brundke)
- Breastfeeding and weaning in 16th–19th century Finland (Tiina Väre & Sanna Lipkin)
- The children from Valdavara Cave: Diet and culture through dental microwear pattern (Raquel Hernando, Marina Lozano, Susana Alonso & Manuel Vaquero)
- A preliminary analysis of the paleopathology and dental microwear in deceased children from an Early Bronze Age community in Lower Austria (Marlon Bas)
- A possible rare disorder case from Etruscan child tooth (Janani Sulakkana Gunasekara)
- Graves within a circular ditch: a grave architecture predominantly used for child burials in Inzersdorf ob der Traisen? (Michaela Fritzl)
- The child I was: archaeological evidence for the life courses of Romano-British infants and children in urban cemeteries AD 1-400 (Summer Courts)

MOODBOARDS

- Children’s Clothing in Iron Age and Roman Austria (Karina Grömer)