



Everyone at the Rees Centre wishes you a happy holiday!

Santa's Workshop



Áine Kelly, a student at the Rees Centre, is celebrating finishing her DPhil by giving back this holiday season! She has been busy making Christmas Eve boxes for families in need all around the UK. The boxes have pyjamas, personalised letters, toys, books and treats! She is ready to send out over 470 boxes but needs help with postage. You can ensure a child receives their special parcel from Santa for just £5!

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Stop The Press

Exciting Free Holiday Reading

Professor Harriet Ward and Helen Trivedi have just published their book, written with two Australian colleagues (Lynne Moggach and Sue Tregeagle) on **Outcomes of Open Adoption from Care: An Australian Contribution to an International Debate**. It can be downloaded **free of charge** (open access) below.

The book presents the findings from a landmark study of 210 non-Aboriginal children in care who were adopted through Barnardos Australia between 1987 and 2013. Just under half of them (44%) were followed until 2016, an average of 18 years after placement.

The book:

- presents new findings concerning the extensive vulnerability of this population of children at entry to their adoptive homes;
- shows how continuing face-to-face post adoption contact, mandated and upheld by the courts, was experienced by adoptees and their adoptive parents;
- explores the impact of birth family contact and the relationship with adoptive parents on the adoptees' life trajectories;
- compares the outcomes of the adult adoptees with those of Australian care leavers.

Seminar Series

The University of Oxford Department of Education's upcoming Public Seminar Series ***The rights of the Child: Implications for Research, Policy and Practice*** will be held during Hilary Term on most Mondays from 5pm.

This seminar series, devised by former students of the University of Oxford MSc in Education from Iran, Palestine and Sri Lanka with the supervision of Rees Centre director Leon Feinstein, aim to illustrate the diversity of the concept of 'the child' in how it pertains to different contexts and disciplines, with a focus on critically examining the effectiveness of the UNCRC in current (global) sociopolitical contexts, and how these contextual trajectories can inform present and future strategies for the betterment of the child.

Anyone with an interest in the topic is welcome to attend. The seminars will be publicised on the [Department's website](#), [OxTalks](#) and Social Media with registration details in January, and where possible recorded and made available to the public.

Doctoral Student News

Yousef Aleghfeli was recently awarded the BAICE Student Fieldwork Grant by the British Association for International and Comparative Education worth £2500. Yousef will be using it to conduct fieldwork with refugee children and youth in Greece in spring 2022, in support of their dissertation investigating the educational resilience of unaccompanied refugee minors.

Latest Academic Publications

Feinstein, L., Aleghfeli, Y. K., Buckley, C., Gilhooly, R., & Kohli, R. K. S. (2021). Conceptualising and measuring levels of risk by immigration status for children in the UK. *Contemporary Social Science*, 1-18. <https://doi.org/10.1080/21582041.2021.2007279>

Gouveia, L., Magalhães, E. & Pinto, V.S. (2021). Foster Families: A Systematic Review of Intention and Retention Factors. *Journal of Child and Family Studies*, 30, 2766–2781. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10826-021-02051-w>

Pinto, V. S., & Luke, N. (2021). O que Significa ser Família de Acolhimento em Portugal: Aspetos do Papel de Acolhedor e da Medida de Acolhimento Familiar [What does it mean to be a Foster Carer in Portugal: Specificities of the Role of Foster Carers and of Foster Care]. In E. Magalhães & J. Baptista (Eds.), [Acolhimento Familiar de Crianças e Jovens em Perigo: Manual para Profissionais](#) (pp. 137–151). Pactor.

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