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International child and youth studies conference open to the public

The University of Lethbridge Institute for Child and Youth Studies' (I-CYS) second annual Mapping the Landscapes of Childhood conference will bring leading researchers and professionals in the field of child and youth studies to Lethbridge and organizers welcome local practitioners to attend.

Keynote addresses include:

- Tim Gill (British children's advocate): From Protection to Resilience: Why and How We Should Reframe our Approach to Risk in Childhood.
- Dr. Katie Hinde (Department of Human Evolutionary Biology, Harvard University): Food, Medicine, & Signal: How Mother's Milk Shapes Infant Development.
- Dr. Karen Wells (Department of Geography, Environment and Development Studies, Birkbeck University of London): Theorising Transnational Childhoods: Networks, Capital, and Social Reproduction.

Practitioner workshops that pair academics with professionals such as teachers, social workers, policy makers and others will also take place at the conference. These workshops include:

- Moving the Mountain: Brianna Olson & Wallis Kendal, iHuman Youth Society, Edmonton.
- Making the Most of Individual Differences in Education: Applications from the Montessori Method: Zahra Foroud & Dr. Afra Foroud.
- Practical Advice for Fostering Healthy Brain Development: Dr. Robbin Gibb, University of Lethbridge.
- Bridging Cultures: Engaging Aboriginal Learners in Culturally Relevant Ways: Dr. Michelle Hogue & Ira Provost, University of Lethbridge.

The conference May 8 and 9 will also include multidisciplinary panels, scholarly presentations, poster sessions, and a feature film screening. Those who are unable to attend the full conference can buy tickets for Gill's talk on Friday evening (includes dinner) at a cost of \$50 each and for Hinde's talk on Saturday evening (includes a barbecue) at a cost of \$25 each. Call Conference Services at 403-329-2244 to reserve. Registration and conference details can be found at uleth.ca/conreg/icys.

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