

WORKSHOP INFANCIA C #8: EARLY CHILDHOOD, AGENCY AND PARTICIPATION ACROSS DEVELOPMENTAL CONTEXTS

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Infants' and young children's (in the 0-3 age range) agency and participation are socially supported and co-constructed processes built on emerging semiotic and communicative resources. Considering children as social actors and legitimate participants in ongoing activity is also an epistemic, ethical and political position connected to ideologies and cultural beliefs about age, child-rearing and child-care. Turning attention to the earliest stages of development poses methodological and conceptual challenges to conventional social theories on participation and agency - which, among other issues, over-rely on verbalized discourses and internal reflexive processes to empirically construe these processes.

This workshop gathers researchers and practitioners interested in early childhood to discuss different projects focused on unpacking the social construction of agency and participation in the first years of life. Some of the projects have a "basic research" orientation aimed at documenting and understanding these dynamics in particular developmental contexts, while other projects are born out of a much more "proactive" stance aimed at fostering these processes in settings relevant to children's development. In addition, individual projects may have the family family or early childhood and care settings as the starting point of interest.



The workshop is organized as a one-day research seminar combining presentations and slots for open discussion. *WS#8 is a hybrid event with an on-campus face-to-face morning session and an online afternoon session with colleagues who cannot come to UAM.*

WORKSHOP INFANCIA_C #8: PROGRAM

Morning (On-site)

10:15-10:30h. Greetings and presentation

10:30-11:00h. Nieves Galera (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid)
Emotional stances and infants' agency in family interactions.

11:00-11:30h. Urszula Markowska-Manista (University of Warsaw)
From promoting children's rights to participation: The PARTICIPA project.

11:30-12:00h. Marta Casla (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid)
Dyadic and polyadic conversations in nursery schools: Teachers' language-facilitating strategies with two-year olds.

12:00-12:15h. Short break

12:15-13:00h. Discussion (on-site) - led by Marek Smulczyk (University of Warsaw)

Evening/Afternoon (On-line)

14:30-15:00h. Aimilia Fakou (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens)
"My World, a click": children's representations of their social worlds.

15:00-15:30h. Olga Anatoli Smith (Linköping University)
Very young children's information-tellings as an inclusive practice.

15:30-16:00h. Angela K. Salmon (Florida International University)
Digital collective stories for influence: A gateway to develop empathy and sense of belonging.

16:00-16:15h. - Short break

16:15-17:00h. - Discussion (on-line) - led by David Poveda (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid)