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1. News

- Call for papers: Two special issues on “War and Trauma” in *Trauma & Gewalt*, Ausgaben 4/2011 und 2/2012:
Guest editors Philipp Kuwert und Ingvill C. Mochmann. For further information see:
http://www.childrenbornofwar.org/Portals/7/public/Call%20for%20Papers_TG.pdf
- Network members Barbara Stelzl-Marx, Boltzmann-Institute in Graz and Ingvill C. Mochmann, GESIS-Leibniz Institute in Cologne were invited as experts to a podium discussion in the Viennese Parliament on March 5th 2010: "Wir waren doch nur Kinder..." des Autors Jenő Alpár Molnár. For further information see:
<http://www.childrenbornofwar.org/Portals/7/public/Wir%20waren%20doch%20nur%20Kinder..pdf>. For television recordings on the discussion, please see:
<http://de.sevenload.com/sendungen/Top-TV-im-OKB/folgen/Sgyjl7W-TopTV-Teil1-13-3-10>.
- The European war child associations have established an joint association called BOW i.n. (Born of War International)
<http://www.nwzonline.de/Aktuelles/Politik/Meinung/NWZ/Artikel/2314247/Kriegskinder+k%E4mpfen+um+Anerkennung.html>

2. Research projects

Finland: Research project by Dr. Lars Westerlund, National Archives of Finland, children of foreign soldiers in Finland 1940-1948:

The National Archives of Finland has launched a research project into the status of the children of foreign soldiers. Information on the following groups is being collected for this purpose in 2010:

- children of German soldiers born between 1941 and 1946
- children of foreign volunteers born between 1940 and 1945
- children of Soviet soldiers and prisoners of war born between 1942 and 1945
- children of members of the Allied Control Commission born between 1945 and 1948

In addition, information is also sought on the children of Finnish soldiers born between 1942 and 1945 to women from Eastern Karelia and from the areas occupied by Finland.

If you are the child of a foreign soldier or know one, you can share your experiences with the project team. Contact: The Children of Foreign Soldiers Project, National Archives of Finland, Project director, Docent Lars Westerlund: lars.westerlund@narc.fi

For further information on the project see:

http://www.childrenbornofwar.org/Portals/7/public/Westerlund_Esite.pdf

Poland: Research project on “Sexual Violence and Gender relations during the German occupation of Poland in World War II and their aftermath: Post-War Punishments and German-Polish children born of War”.

Project leader: Maren Röger, Research Assistant at the German Historical Institute in Warsaw, Poland, Email: roeger@dhi.waw.pl

Abstract: During World War II German soldiers had "sexual contacts" with the locals at the east front, although it was strictly forbidden due to ideological-racist reasons. Rapes, forced prostitution in and outside the camps as well as "sexual collaboration" in order to survive had been part of the everyday life under German occupation. Also in the occupied Polish territories German Wehrmacht and SS also sexually assaulted Jewish and non-Jewish Poles. Furthermore consensual relations existed between Poles and the thousands of members of the German occupation forces, civilians and non-civilians.

We still know little about German-Polish gender relations during the occupation in World War II. Mostly unknown is also the aftermath, which includes public defamations/public punishments as well as the destiny of German-Polish "children born of War". My current research project focuses on these gender relations and their consequences, based on archive materials and oral history interviews.

3. Conference presentations and sessions

- ***July 2010:*** "Individual versus collective responsibility - who is responsible for the children born of war?" has been accepted for presentation by Ingvill C. Mochmann, GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, Cologne, Germany, in the Session “War and Violence” at the International Sociological Association’s (ISA) World Congress of Sociology to be held in Gothenburg, Sweden from July 11 to 17, 2010 (<http://www.isa-sociology.org/congress2010/rc/rc01.htm>)
- ***October 2010:*** A Session on "Children born of war" has been accepted at the conference "*Children and War, past and present*", Salzburg, Austria, 2010.
<http://www.wlv.ac.uk/default.aspx?page=23307>:
 - Ingvill C. Mochmann (GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, Cologne, Germany): How to increase the knowledge base on war affected populations: Methodological considerations on the group of children born of war
 - Sabine Lee (University of Birmingham, UK): The human rights of children born of war: Case analyses of past and present conflicts
 - Barbara Stelzl-Marx (Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Research on War Consequences, Austria): Ivan’s children: The offspring of Soviet occupations soldiers and local women in post-war Austria

4. Media/ Newspaper articles

„Wie Gerlinda Swillen mit 65 Bruder und Schwester fand“ at

<http://www.derwesten.de/nachrichten/panorama/Wie-Gerlinda-Swillen-mit-65-Bruder-und-Schwester-fand-id2817620.html>

5. Recent Publications

- Karmen Erjavec and Zala Volcic: Living With the Sins of Their Fathers: An Analysis of Self-Representation of Adolescents Born of War Rape, Journal of Adolescent Research, Vol. 25, No. 3, 359-386 (2010) DOI: 10.1177/0743558410361373
- A Report by the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative with Support from Oxfam America: “NOW, THE WORLD IS WITHOUT ME”: AN INVESTIGATION OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN EASTERN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO, April 2010 <http://hhi.harvard.edu/images/resources/reports/hhi-oxfam%20drc%20gbv%20report.pdf> (includes information on children born of rape in Congo).

For continuous updates, please see network pages. The next INIRC Newsletter is scheduled for August. Please send information to be included in the next issue to ingvill.mochmann@gesis.org by August 20th 2010.

Please note! In future the newsletter will only be sent to network members. If you are interested in receiving information from the network also in future, please register at: <http://www.childrenbornofwar.org/Registration/tabid/255/ctl/Register/Default.aspx>