

1. News

- **Günter-Jantschek Research Grant** awarded to the project “Born of War in Norway - psychosocial and psychosomatic consequences, identity development and experiences with prejudices – a questionnaire survey with Norwegian Children Born of War”, Berlin March 28th 2014 (photo from the left: Ingvill C. Mochmann, Martin Miertsch, Heide Glaesmer und Philipp Kuwert).



- **Research project “Individual and collective healing: Reconciliation and children born of wartime sexual violence in Colombia”, Tatiana Sánchez Parra, Human Rights Centre, University of Essex.**

The Colombian armed conflict has been characterized by systematic sexual violence against women and girls by legal and illegal armed groups. In the context of the current Colombian reconciliation discourse fostered by official and unofficial actors, I am interested in understanding the role children born of wartime sexual violence have in processes of social reconstruction. According to the 2011 Victims and Land Restitution Law these children are recognised as victims of the armed conflict in Colombia. As such they are entitled to redress. However, my initial observation is that there is a lack of information regarding their situation or the ways their local communities have coped with their presence. Through my research I intend to provide accurate information on their plight. At the same time I want to identify the different dynamics and practices within their local communities towards them, and trace the connections between this and the possibility to settle the mood for individual and collective healing.

- Research project "Lost in Administration" on life courses and destinies of Afro-American children born of war, University of Salzburg, Austria <http://www.salzburg.com/nachrichten/salzburg/chronik/sn/artikel/projekt-zu-besatzungskindern-an-der-uni-salzburg-64000/>

- **Frauenmuseum in Bonn** has from 13th April - 9th November 2014 an exhibition called **Single Mums – Alleinerziehende Mütter und ihre Lebenswelt**. The young Danish women Sunny Pedersen and her baby Maria (Maria Kamieth Niebuhr) and Katrine Johannsen-Pedersen with her baby daughter Yrsa (Yrsa Thane Thomsen) are representing the many young women in Europa, who during World War II had a child with their German boyfriend, who belonged to the Wehrmacht.

Photos and information about the photos are organised by author Ebba D. Drolshagen and Henny Granum, Danish War Children's Association.

<http://www.frauenmuseum.de/>. Media article
<http://www.sueddeutsche.de/leben/alleinerziehende-damals-und-heute-was-machen-sie-wenn-ihre-tochter-krank-ist-1.1935136>



2. Conferences/Presentations

- Panel “Psychosoziale Konsequenzen bei Besatzungskindern des II. Weltkrieges“ at the 22. Jahrestagung der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Psychosomatische Medizin und Ärztliche Psychotherapie (DGPM), 27.3. 2014. For details on presentations see p.38 http://www.deutscher-psychosomatik-kongress.de/fileadmin/user_upload/01_Psycho_2014_Abstractbuch.pdf
- “Children Born of War between Stigmatisation, Traumatization and Resilience” ISS Research Seminar, University of Cologne, April 30th 2014 (Ingvill C. Mochmann).
- “Partizipation, partizipative Methoden, ethische Fragen und praktische Herausforderungen – die Erforschung der “Lebensverläufe von Kindern des 2. Weltkrieges“ in international vergleichender Perspektive“. Accepted presentation at the conference "Forschungsethik in der qualitativen und quantitativen Sozialforschung", 11-12.9.2014 an der LMU München (Ingvill C. Mochmann).

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