

# Call for papers

## 11th Annual International Conference

### Society for the Study of Childhood in the Past

Natural History Museum, Vienna, Austria  
20–22 September 2018

The 11th Annual International Conference of the Society for the Study of Childhood in the Past will be held from Thursday, 20. September 2018 to Saturday, 22. September 2018 in Vienna, at the Natural History Museum. The conference aims to bring together scholars across multiple disciplines, in particular archaeology, physical and cultural anthropology.

The first day of the conference will address the theme **'Pregnancy, birth, early infancy and childhood: life's greatest transitions in the past'**. The second day is open to further aspects of recent research into children and childhood in the past.

The themed session emerges from the ERC project 'The Value of mothers to society: responses to motherhood and child rearing practices in prehistoric Europe' hosted by the Institute of Oriental and European Archaeology of the Austrian Academy of Sciences and is jointly organised with the Department of Anthropology of the Natural History Museum.

We particularly invite papers addressing:

- how and when life is considered to begin in past societies
- the dangers of birth to mothers and children
- cultural factors that influence infant and childhood mortality
- the recognition of developmental stages in the past
- marking and celebrating childhood transitions

The SSCIP Conference aims to broaden our knowledge about natural and cultural aspects of childhood in the past, stimulate discussions and foster collaboration between participants.



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## Submission of proposals

- Abstracts accepted until June 30th, 2018
- Please send title and abstract of 150-200 words to Katharina.Rebay-Salisbury@oeaw.ac.at
- Once the proposals have been evaluated, acceptance letters will be sent electronically.
- Individual and co-authored works may be submitted.

## Presentations

- Presentations will last 20 minutes.
- In addition, each speaker will have five minutes to answer questions.
- The organizing committee will provide a laptop and projector for projection of presentations in PowerPoint format for Windows.

## Conference Venue

- Natural History Museum, Vienna, Austria
- Burgring 7, 1010 Vienna

## Organisation

- Registration fee: 50 € (to be paid by bank transfer or in cash at the venue)
- Please register per e-mail until 31. August 2018

## The registration fee includes

- Opening evening drinks, Thursday, 20. September 2018
- Conference session, Friday, 21. September 2018
- Lunch on Friday, 21. September 2018
- Conference session, Saturday, 22. September 2018
- Coffee and cookies during the breaks
- 'Behind the scenes' tour of the Natural History Museum

## Optional events

- Conference dinner, Friday, 21. September 2018
- Venue: Stiegl Ambulanz, Alser Straße 4, 1090 Vienna
- Cost: 35 €

## Organisers

- Institute for Oriental and European Archaeology, Austrian Academy of Sciences
- Natural History Museum, Vienna

## Please contact us for more information

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