

CALL FOR PAPERS

Youngsters 3: Undisciplined

June 6-8, 2024

Calgary, AB, Canada



CFP Deadline: September 30, 2023

Following our first two Youngsters conferences in Vancouver (2016) and Toronto (2019), the Association for Research in Cultures of Young People invites paper, panel, and roundtable proposals for **Youngsters 3: Undisciplined** to be held at the University of Calgary from June 6-8, 2024.

Youngsters 3 is a celebration of the unruly, the irreverent, and the defiant as these qualities pertain to young people, the social and imaginative worlds they inhabit and create, and the many scholarly discourses that aim to study them.

Disciplines and subdisciplines like children's and young adult literature, child and youth studies, and girlhood/boyhood studies are themselves, somewhat paradoxically, undisciplined in their inter-, trans-, and multidisciplinaryity; such areas of study are often perceived as the disorderly younger siblings of more established disciplines and relegated to the "children's table" of their respective academic units. Insofar as such scholarly zones subvert or at least complicate traditional disciplinary formations, however, they might also function to discipline the work that takes place inside them.

The objects of child/youth culture—and young people themselves—are also often engaged with questions of discipline and resistance. From the wicked stepparents of folklore to *Where the Wild Things Are* to parenting manuals to systems of schooling and incarceration to present-day youth engaged in activism, our socio-political and cultural landscapes are rife with anxieties about how to best discipline children, as well as examples of young people actively resisting attempts to do so. The concept of "discipline" also comes entangled with the many forms of racist, colonial, and homophobic violence that discipline has frequently entailed. With such diverse and assorted interpretations of "undisciplined" in mind, we invite contributions that consider the following, among other topics:

- Questions of (inter-, trans-, multi-) disciplinaryity as they relate to the study of young people
- Undisciplined genres and forms
- Historical approaches to child discipline
- Youth activism (the history of, or present-day examples)—e.g. environmental, racial justice, decolonial, 2SLGBTQI+
- Discipline and material culture
- Disciplinary violence and colonialism

- Child/youth punishment, criminality, and incarceration
- Youth and public discourses of self-discipline
- Schooling, education, and discipline
- Representations of discipline/resistance to discipline in children's/youth media
- Participatory research involving young people
- Child/youth art and artistic practices
- Young people's media and digital cultures

We welcome contributions from a wide variety of disciplinary and interdisciplinary locations, including (but not limited to) children's and young adult literature, childhood and youth studies, education, media studies, communication, cultural studies, gender and sexuality studies, medical/health studies, sociology, etc.

Proposal types:

Individual abstract: For an individual paper presentation of 15-20 minutes. Proposal should be max. 300 words, and include a brief statement about how the proposal is aligned with the conference theme. Include a short bibliography with max. five citations.

Organized panel: A panel on a common theme/topic with 3-4 individual paper presentations of 15-20 min/each. Please include a 300-word overview of the panel and 150-word proposals for each panelist. The overview should include a brief statement about how the proposal is aligned with the conference theme. Include a short bibliography with max. five citations/paper.

Organized roundtable: A roundtable on a common theme/topic with approx. 4-6 short, individual presentations of 5-10 min/each. Please include a 300-word overview of the roundtable and 100-word proposals for each participant. The overview should include a brief statement about how the proposal is aligned with the conference theme. Include a short bibliography with max. three citations/participant.

In your email, please include a separate document with a 50-word bio and contact information. The proposal document(s) should not contain any identifying information.

Please send all documents to arcypyoungsters@gmail.com by **September 30, 2023 at midnight EST.**

This conference will take place in-person, on campus at the University of Calgary. The University of Calgary is located in the heart of Southern Alberta on the traditional territories of the peoples of Treaty 7, which include the Blackfoot Confederacy (comprised of the Siksika, the Piikani, and the Kainai First Nations), the Tsuut'ina First Nation, and the Stoney Nakoda (including Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Goodstoney First Nations). The City of Calgary is also home to the Métis Nation of Alberta Region 3.

The University of Calgary is situated on land Northwest of where the Bow River meets the Elbow River, a site traditionally known as Moh'kins'tsis to the Blackfoot, Wîchîspa to the Stoney Nakoda, and Guts'ists'i to the Tsuut'ina. On this land and in this place we strive to learn together, walk together, and grow together "in a good way."

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