

Seminar: International Perspectives on Multilingual Childhoods

Autumn 2023, Thursday, 16.00-18.00 CET / 3-5 pm GMT / 10-12 am NYC

In diverse and heterogenous societies, migration and multilingualism play a crucial role in language acquisition and support in ECEC institutions. Countries, regions and institutions have different traditions regarding the use of several languages, ranging from the official use of more than one language in everyday life to monolingual traditions, in which families with different mother languages are perceived as problematic. This series of international lectures sheds light on how ECEC institutions deal with diverse languages, and what we can learn from each other when fostering language acquisition and support in multilingual contexts.

Schedule

19.10.2023 | Introduction

Prof. Dr. Tim Rohrmann, University of Applied Sciences & Arts, Hildesheim, Germany

Multilingualism as a challenge for an ECEC system with monolingual traditions

2.11.2023 | Prof. Jean Plaisir, Borough of Manhattan Community College, New York, USA

Instituting multilingual/multicultural practices in early childhood education and care systems: Integrating core values and methods

16.11.2023 | Maria Fürstaller & students, FH Campus Vienna, Austria

Multilingualism in Austrian ECEC institutions: Framework conditions of language education and insight into student research projects

30.11.2023 | 15.00-18.00 CET / 2-5 pm GMT / 9-12 am NYC

International Online Conference:

Intersections of gender, language & culture in early childhood

7.12.2023 | Johanna Quiring M.A., St. Gallen University of Teacher Education, Switzerland

Communicative participation during conversations about languages in Kindergarten

14.12.2023 | Dr. Bozena Dubiel, TU Dublin, Ireland

Plurilingual classrooms in a bilingual country: Languages in ECEC services and primary schools in Ireland

The seminar will be held via zoom.

Registration

Please register for the Seminar series by mail to tim.rohrmann@hawk.de until 12.10.2023.