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# Charity, Humanitarianism, and Childhood

## Colloquium 2026

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026, 9.15am-4.50pm  
Centre for the History of Childhood  
Magdalen College Oxford, UK | Online

Register to attend in person, Oxford, UK: <https://tinyurl.com/3snzem8x>

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9.15 Welcome – Siân Pooley (University of Oxford)

9.30-11.30 Children as humanitarians – Chair: Siân Pooley (University of Oxford)

- Layla Koch (University of Heidelberg): *Dear Samuel, Dear Children: Interdependent Ideas of Charity and Childhood in the Early U.S. Missionary Movement, 1830-40*
- Fiona Maxwell (North Central College): *“The Faithful Band of Young Folks”:* *Children as Charitable Actors in Chicago Settlement Work, 1890–1960*
- Verónica Díaz-Cerda (University of Warwick): *Beyond Solidarity: Children’s Memories of Communities of Care in the Chilean Exile in Britain*
- Elizabeth Wehbe (Rutgers University-Camden): *Childhood, Humanitarianism, and the Home in Asylum-Seeking Families*

11.30-11.45 Tea & Coffee

11.45-12.30 Keynote Paper – Chair: Charlotte Canizo (University of Oxford)

Rebecca Clifford (Durham University): *Humanitarianism and the making of child Holocaust survivors: the case of the Lingfield children*

12.30-1.15 Lunch

1.15-2.45 Humanitarianism and war – Chair: Susannah Wright (Oxford Brookes University)

- Dror Sharon (Tel Aviv University): *A Lever and a Place to Stand: Humanitarian Child Evacuation as Political Protest in late 1930s Britain*
- Camille Jaccard (University of Lausanne): *Humanitarian Frameworks and the Making of Post-War Child Psychiatry: Transnational Training for the Care of War-Affected Children (1944–1950)*
- Lukas Schretter (Ludwig Boltzmann Institute): *“Occupation Children”, Charity, and the Struggle for Responsibility: Humanitarian Efforts for Children of British Soldiers in Post-World War II Austria and Germany*

2.45-3.00 Tea & Coffee

3.00-4.30 Colonial and postcolonial humanitarianism – Chair: Joseph Leidy (University of Oxford)

- Anaïs Faurt (Chestnut Hill College): *Child protection, private charity, and colonial humanitarianism at the end of the French empire (1945-1960)*
- Divya Kannan (Shiv Nadar University): *From Australia to India: The Aid for India Campaign and the Making of the Humanitarian Child*
- Stacey Hynd (University of Exeter): *Contested Constructions of Africa’s Child Soldiers: Humanitarianism, the Limits of Childhood and Youth Identities, 1980-2010s*

4.30-4.50 Roundtable discussion – Chairs: Joseph Leidy and Susannah Wright (University of Oxford and Oxford Brookes University)

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