



One-Day Conference  
April 20<sup>th</sup> 2015  
Sussex Centre for Modernist Studies  
University of Sussex

**Programme:**

- 9.00 – 10.00     **Registration**  
Welcome – Justine Shaw
- 10.00 – 11.00     **Opening Keynote: Dr. Natalia Cecire (University of Sussex)**  
“Overthinking It in the Hundred Acre Wood”
- 11.00 – 11.15     **Coffee**
- 11.15 – 12.45     **Panel 1: The Defiant Child**
- Dr. Jana Funke (University of Exeter): Modernism’s Queer Child: Bryher, Boyhood, and the Adventure of Development
- Dr. Ben Nicholls (King’s College London): Reproduction Line: Making Children in the Work of Charlotte Perkins Gilman
- Elly McCausland (York): ‘The Ill-Made Knight’: Childhood Trauma and Daydreams of Chivalry in Modernist Arthuriana for Children
- Helen Tyson (Queen Mary University): ‘Little Mussolini’ and the ‘parasite poets’: Modernism, Psychoanalysis, and ‘the Child’
- 12.45 – 13.45     **Lunch**
- 13.45 – 15.00     **Panel 2: The Child and the State**
- Dr. Beryl Pong (Cambridge University): Semicolonial Filiation: Katherine Mansfield and the Short Fictions of Childhood
- Dr. Veronica Barnsley (Sheffield University): ‘As sweet as can be’: Modifications of the Child and Mother in Anti-colonial Women’s Writing
- Hannah Proctor (Birkbeck University): Children of the Revolution: The Soviet Child and the Modernism of Reality
- 15.00 – 15.30     **Coffee**

15.30 – 16.45 **Panel 3: The Inscrutable Child**

Dr. Daniela Caselli (University of Manchester): Fluffy Bunny Modernism: The Child in Modernist Experimental Fiction (Woolf, Joyce and Beckett)

Katherine Kruger (University of Sussex): Games and Play in the Work of Elizabeth Bowen

Dr. Joe Kennedy (University of Sussex): 'He spoke simply, and without innuendo, as one stating a fact': Henry Green and John Wyndham's *Affectless Children*

16.45 – 18.00 **Closing Keynote: Prof. Douglas Mao (John Hopkins University)**  
"Childhood's Ends"

18.00 – 19.00 **Wine Reception**

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