

Course title: **The Evolution of Childhood**

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Description

This seminar explores how the concept and experience of childhood have changed across historical periods and cultural contexts. Participants will examine how social, cultural, and technological transformations have shaped ideas about children, their roles in society, and expectations placed upon them. The seminar will discuss the influence of key institutions such as the family and education systems in structuring children's everyday lives and shaping the transition from childhood to adulthood. Special attention will be given to contemporary developments, particularly the impact of digital media and new technologies on children's experiences and on parent – child relationships. Through comparative perspectives, participants will also consider global variations in childhood, highlighting both differences and shared challenges across societies. The seminar encourages critical reflection on the future of childhood in an increasingly globalized and technologically mediated world. Participants will engage in discussions that connect broader social trends with their own perspectives and experiences of childhood.

Warunki zaliczenia (ZO): assistance, participation in the discussions; do the tasks/readings for each lesson; final work on analysis of historical or contemporary aspect of childhood