

Children's Drawings of Gods

An Interdisciplinary Approach

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International Workshop

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The concept of god, at least in some religious traditions, is one of the most difficult concepts to grasp, and presupposes a long evolution in an individual. The interdisciplinary project "Drawings of gods: A multicultural and interdisciplinary approach to children's representations of supernatural agents" aims to demonstrate the richness of drawing as a method for studying representations of god in children and thus contribute to our understanding of this concept, its origins and its development. In this perspective, drawings from a variety of cultural and religious traditions (Switzerland, Japan, Russia, Iran, Brazil, Netherlands and so on) were collected and analysed by the project team and their partners from different countries. The purpose of this workshop is to bring together these researchers with the objective on one side of sharing the results of their research, and on the other side critically examining the contributions and limitations of this methodology, which deals with research conducted with children. It is also an opportunity to launch a discussion on new research avenues to study this material and especially to reflect on the new empirical and theoretical perspectives within the broader framework of the study of this concept.

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Thursday 24 May 2018 - Amphipôle 340

09:00 - 09:10 Welcome

09:10 - 09:30 **Emotional expression in children's drawings of God according to age, gender and religiosity.**

Richard P. Jolley, Grégory Dessart

09:30 - 09:50 **Different attachment styles in relation to children's drawings of God: a qualitative and quantitative exploration.**

Hanneke Muthert, Hanneke Schaap-Jonker

09:50 - 10:20 Discussion session 1

10:20 - 10:45 Coffee Break

10:45 - 11:00 **Gender-typing god representations: Socio-normative constraints and ontological significance.**

Grégory Dessart, Zhargalma Dandarova Robert, Pierre-Yves Brandt

11:00 - 11:15 **Anthropomorphizing and de-anthropomorphizing supernatural agency: From conceptual strategies to their theological implications.**

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11:15 - 11:30 **Where gods dwell? Spatial imagery and children drawings of gods.**

Zhargalma Dandarova Robert, Christelle Cocco, Grégory Dessart, Pierre-Yves Brandt

11:30 - 12:00 Discussion session 2

12:00 - 12:30 Synthesis of the morning sessions

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 - 14:20 **Iranian Children's Drawings of God: Demographic and Contextual.**

Considerations. *Mohammad Khodayarifard (co-authors: Reza Pourhosein, Shahla Pakdaman, Saeid Zandi)*

14:20 - 14:40 **The first discoveries and the challenges of researching representations of gods in a continental country such as Brazil.**

Alberto Domeniconi Küntgen-Nery, Camila Mendonça Torres

14:40 - 15:10 Discussion session 3

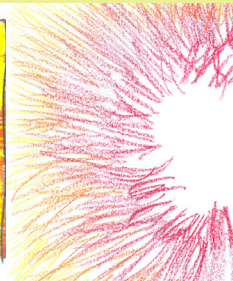
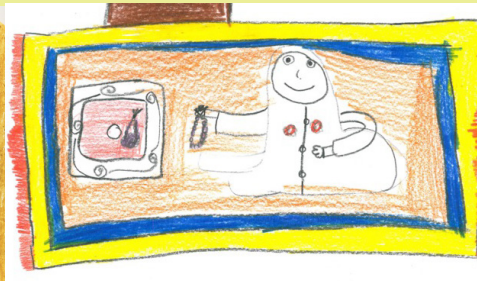
15:10 - 15:20 Poster : **"How the God looks like".**

Martina Bruzlová

15:20 - 15:45 Coffee Break

15:45 - 17:45 **Integrative session of the first day** (Private session - For speakers only)

Moderator : Pierre-Yves Brandt



Friday 25 May 2018 - Amphipôle 340

09:00 - 09:10 Welcome

09:10 - 09:30 **The representation of God in Islam and its prohibition: Strategies used by Iranian children in drawings of God.**

Zahra Astaneh

09:30 - 09:50 **Natural and supernatural agents: children's representations of gods and dead entities.**

Ramiro Tau

09:50 - 10:20 Discussion session 4

10:20 - 10:45 Coffee Break

10:45 - 11:00 **Shaping digital tools, equipping children drawings.**

Dominique Vinck, (co-author: Pierre-Nicolas Oberhauser)

11:00 - 11:30 Discussion session 5

11:30 - 11:45 **The colour of god(s): Early processing mechanism of an all-powerful entity as depicted through colour choices in drawings of gods.**

Christelle Cocco, Christine Mohr, Domicela Jonauskaite, Pierre-Yves Brandt

11:45 - 12:00 **Numerical analyses of children's drawings of god(s): an approach based on computer vision and mathematical methods.**

Christelle Cocco, Raphaël Ceré

12:00 - 12:30 Discussion session 6

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 - 14:30 Synthesis of the morning sessions

14:30 - 14:45 **Children's Drawings of Gods: The Dynamics and Challenges of Interdisciplinary Collaboration.**

Frédéric Darbellay

14:45 - 15:15 Discussion session 7

15:15 - 15:45 Coffee Break

15:45 - 17:30 **Integrative session of the workshop (Private session - For speakers only)**

Moderator : Pierre-Yves Brandt

General discussion : Theoretical proposals for elaborating an integrative model and avenues for new research direction.



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