



Exploring Adoption Practices in Local, Transnational and Global Perspective

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Overview

This panel explores adoption practices through local, transnational, and global lenses, focusing on both domestic and intercountry adoption. Contributions examine the historical, social, and legal frameworks shaping adoption within national borders as well as across them, with particular attention to the experiences and policies of sending countries. By investigating adoption as a practice that connects individuals, institutions, and states, the panel highlights how notions of kinship, citizenship, and belonging have been negotiated over time and across regions. Through comparative and case-specific approaches, the panel seeks to deepen our understanding of the complex dynamics underpinning adoption practices worldwide.

Participants

Panelists

- ChiaChi Lin (Tamkang University)
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- Chun-Hao Li (YuanZe University)
- WenShan Yang (Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica)
- Bastiaan Flikweert (Yonsei University Graduate School of International Studies)
- Evelien Walhout (Leiden University)
- XingChen Lin

Papers

Exploring Child Adoption in Colonial Taiwan (1906–1945)

ChiaChi Lin, XingChen Lin

Exploring Child Adoption in Taiwan

Chun-Hao Li (YuanZe University), WenShan Yang (Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica)

“Coûte que coûte”: (re)defining 'family' in the Dutch Committee for the Placement of Foreign Foster Children, 1967-1971

Bastiaan Flikweert (Yonsei University Graduate School of International Studies)

Mothers in the Margins: A History of Domestic Relinquishment, Netherlands 1900-1984

Evelien Walhout (Leiden University)

