

# THE CHILD AT THE SOCIAL LIMIT

## A Symposium at the University of Toronto

Jackman Humanities Building Room 100 • April 30th 2018, 1:00 - 3:30 pm

How have technological and political transformations in sexual and social reproduction transformed the relationship between children and adults? How have these transformations altered our collective understanding of the affective and ethical bonds between caregivers and the young people they are directly or indirectly responsible for and to? By examining the incarceration of Indigenous youth in Australia, the migration of unaccompanied Asian children to English-speaking countries in the West for educational opportunities, and the social and ethical consequences of the gradual proliferation of reproductive technologies, this symposium will consider different configurations of the child at the social limit and offer a more expansive understanding of the ongoing work of social reproduction.



**RACHEL BOWLBY** (*Professor of Comparative Literature, University College London*)

“We Wanted This Child” – “You Mean You Did!”:  
Mid-Twentieth-Century Arguments about Artificial Insemination

**DAVID L. ENG** (*Professor of English and Asian American Studies, University of Pennsylvania*)

Psychic Nowhere:  
Parachute Children and Racial Dissociation

**LISA GUENTHER** (*Professor of Philosophy, Queen’s University*)

Settler Colonialism and Carceral Power:  
Lessons from an Australian Youth Detention Centre

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