Wanted: A child care policy for Canadians [1]

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Details

This one day conference at the University of Ottawa is co-sponsored with Carleton University and the Family Network of CPRN (Canadian Policy Research Network).

As Canada prepares to participate in the OECD's (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) second round of studies on early childhood education and care, the conference will reflect on what has and has not been achieved with the OECD report. As well as putting Canada's experience in an international perspective.

It will also examine the reasons behind the series of failures at the federal level, to establish a framework for child care policy across Canada. Most of the presenters will be drawing on their chapters in Child Care Policy at the Crossroads: Gender and Welfare State Restructuring co-edited by Sonya Michel and Rianne Mahon (Routledge, 2002).

The morning session will focus on child care policy in Western Europe (the European Union, France and Italy) and Japan. The afternoon session will turn to North America, examining recent developments in the U.S., Quebec and Manitoba.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

9:30 - Words of Welcome:

Feridun Hamdullahpur, VP Research, Carleton

Opening Remarks:

Jane Jenson, Director, Family Network, CPRN

10:00-Child Care Policy in Europe and Japan

Chair: Caroline Andrew,

Dean of Social Science, University of Ottawa

Ito Peng, University of Toronto,

"Gender and Generation: Japanese Child Care Policy and the Demographic Crisis"

Rianne Mahon, Carleton,

"Child Care in the EU: Toward What Kind of Social

Europe?"

Kimberly Morgan, Yale,

"Does Anyone Have a Libre Choix? French Child Care

Policy"

Vincent Della Sala, Carleton,

"Modernizing the Italian State: Child Care Policy"

12:30 -Lunch

1:30 - Child Care Policy in North America

Chair: Kathryn McDade, HRDC

Sonya Michel, U of Maryland,

"Child Care as Welfare Reform in the US"

Susan Phillips, Carleton,

"Child Care: Federal Initiatives Past"

Jane Jenson, CPRN and U of Montreal,

"Against the Current: "Five-Dollar-a-Day" Child Care in

Quebec"

Susan Prentice, U of Winnipeg,

"Child Care in Manitoba"

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4:00 - Closing Remarks: Rianne Mahon, Political Economy, Carleton

There is no charge for attending this conference.

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