

# INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

Palais du Luxembourg, salle Médicis – 15 Rue de Vaugirard, 75006 Paris

## THE CHILD AT THE CENTER OF ANTHROPOLOGICAL CHANGES

### CAN THE CHILD STILL GROW UP?

ORGANIZED BY

the Observatoire la Petite Sirène - OPS

WITH THE PARTNERSHIP OF

the Society for Evidence-Based Gender Medicine- SEGM

at the Palais du Luxembourg in Paris

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« The facts of life do not penetrate to the sphere in which our beliefs are cherished; they did not engender those beliefs, and they are powerless to destroy them; they can inflict on them continual blows of contradiction and disproof without weakening them.»

Marcel Proust,  
*Du côté de chez Swann.*

The primacy given to the individual has been achieved to the benefit of individual rights and freedom, but to the detriment of the authority of the institutions that were their guarantors/ protectors/ custodians. However, a perverse effect of the democratic process can be seen in the status of the child, who is becoming a 'person' in his or her own right, the subject of new rights and a key actor/ a key player/protagonist in society in the same way as an adult.

In this context, how can children, whose word is made sacred/ whose word is sacralized, still grow up?

Listening to children is a necessity, but isn't there a risk of responding positively to their requests and projecting them into an anguishing world of limitless needs? The risk then is of prematurely introducing the child into a market that benefits from the consumerist system of supply and demand indexed to the tyranny of trends largely conveyed/ and promoted by social networks.

This project is also changing as it combines with the scientific advances of biomedicine, a medicine that is itself receptive to the ideology of identity. This new type of medicine now makes it possible to shape a body to conform to an individual's needs by producing new broad-spectrum diagnoses. «Gender dysphoria» is one of these diagnoses that is currently precipitating many adolescents into pubertal distress (still called «gender distress» by the Anglo-Saxons and labelled «trans children»).

With new inductive words, such as «felt gender identity» (perceived gender identity), it is legal to change sex simply by asserting one's «(subjective) feelings». From this perspective, it becomes le-

gitimate for a child, in the same way as for an adult, to be able to choose his or her gender identity, which no authority -not the law, not medicine, not parents, not society- can impose. Feelings alone would be enough to determine a particular identity.

While some believe that the «liberation of speech» has led to a considerable increase in the number of young people who say they do not belong to the sex «assigned» at birth, others question the way in which adults -particularly professionals -accept and interpret what children say. On social networks, young people find "solutions" to their problems and instructions on how to impose these solutions on those around them.

The conjunction and articulation of «subject of law(s)» and «subject of desire(s)» in this new status of the contemporary child has consequences that we would like to explore to determine whether new ideologies (medical, educational, social, cultural, etc.) are not in the process of shaping a child in the image of this new social project?

Are we dealing with a chimera resulting from democratic culture, the medicalization of the puberty crisis and digital hyper-connection from a very early age? This conference will look at these anthropological changes, of which the "transgender child" is one of the symptoms/ is one of the many symptoms.



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**FRIDAY 28TH JUNE 2024**

**ANTHROPOLOGICAL CHANGES  
THE CHILD AND IDEOLOGIES**

**SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION**

**French to English and English to French**



**FRIDAY 28TH JUNE 2024 : ANTHROPOLOGICAL CHANGES  
THE CHILD AND IDEOLOGIES**

8.45AM	<p><b>Reception of the participants</b> Please arrive on time for the security check at the entrance Identity card or passport required</p>
9.45AM	<p><b>Opening</b> of the Symposium by <b>Senator Jacqueline Eustache-Brinio</b></p>
10AM	<p><b>Keynote opening</b> by OPS directors <b>Céline Masson</b> and <b>Caroline Eliacheff</b>, and the representatives of <b>the Society for Evidence-Based Gender Medicine - SEGM</b>, <b>Roberto D'Angelo</b>, psychiatrist and psychoanalyst, President of SEGM and <b>Zhenya Abbruzzese</b>, health economist, cofounder of SEGM</p>
10.15AM	<p><b>Opening lecture: Medicine and humanism</b> <b>Didier Sicard</b>, Emeritus Professor of Internal Medicine, Paris Cité University</p>
10.30AM	<p><b>The identity-related causes of anthropological changes</b> + Discussion led by <b>Leonardo Orlando</b>, Doctor of political science + <b>Jean-François Braunstein</b>, Emeritus Professor of philosophy at Panthéon-Sorbonne University <b>Nathalie Heinich</b>, sociologist, Emeritus Director of research, CNRS <b>Jean-Pierre Lebrun</b>, psychiatrist, psychoanalyst, essayist, vice-president of the International Lacanian Association <b>Jean-Louis Renchon</b>, Professor Emeritus of Family Law at the University of Louvain and the University of Saint-Louis in Brussels</p>
11.30AM	<p><b>Why is the child at the centre of these ideological changes?</b> + Discussion led by <b>Karinne Gueniche</b>, Clinical Psychologist, Psychoanalyst, Assistant Professor-Lecturer of Research in Clinical Psychology at Paris Cité University + <b>Pascal Mallet</b>, Professor of Developmental Psychology at Paris Nanterre University <b>Isabelle de Mecquenem</b>, Professor of philosophy <b>Gérard Rabinovitch</b>, philosopher and sociologist <b>Pierre-Henri Tavoillot</b>, Senior Lecturer in Philosophy at the Faculty of Letters, Sorbonne University, President of the collège de Philosophie</p>
12.30PM	<p><b>Debate with the audience</b></p>
1.00PM	<p><b>Break</b></p>

**FRIDAY 28TH JUNE 2024 : ANTHROPOLOGICAL CHANGES  
THE CHILD AND IDEOLOGIES**

2.30PM	Georges Perla, storyteller and <b>Jasko Ramic</b> , musician « <b>Contes merveilleux</b> » (Wonderful tales)
2.45PM	<p><b>Science and ideologies</b></p> <p>+</p> <p>Hosted by <b>Jacques Robert</b>, Emeritus Professor of Cancerology at Bordeaux University</p> <p>+</p> <p><b>Andreas Bikfalvi</b>, Professor of Cell Biology, Bordeaux University  <b>Leonardo Orlando</b>, Doctor of political science  <b>Kathleen Stock</b>, philosopher and feminist  <b>Jean Szlamowicz</b>, Professor, Bourgogne University, linguist and translator  <b>Pierre Valentin</b>, essayist and doctoral student in political science</p>
3.45PM	<p><b>When ideology takes shape</b></p> <p>+</p> <p>Led by <b>Dominique Crestinu</b>, gynecologist, psychosomatic specialist</p> <p>+</p> <p><b>Anne-Laure Boch</b>, neurosurgeon, hospital practitioner  <b>Thierry Delcourt</b>, psychiatrist, child psychiatrist, psychoanalyst  <b>Thierry Lamote</b>, psychoanalyst, Assistant Professor-Lecturer of Research in Clinical Psychology at Paris Cité University  <b>Jean-Pierre Winter</b>, psychoanalyst and essayist</p>
4.45PM	<p><b>The manufacture of the transgender child through discourse</b></p> <p>+</p> <p>Presented by <b>Thierry Lamote</b>, psychoanalyst, Assistant Professor-Lecturer of Research at Paris Cité University</p> <p>+</p> <p><b>Caroline Eliacheff</b>, Co-director of the OPS, child psychiatrist and psychoanalyst  <b>Céline Masson</b>, Co-director of OPS, University Professor of psychology, UPJV  <b>Michel Messu</b>, Honorary Professor of sociology, Nantes University  <b>Jean-François Solal</b>, child psychiatrist and psychoanalyst</p>
	<p>Georges Perla, storyteller and <b>Jasko Ramic</b>, musician  « <b>Contes et métamorphoses</b> » (Tales and metamorphoses)</p>
5.30PM	<b>Exchange with the audience</b>
6.00PM	<b>Closing of the first day</b>

**SATURDAY 29TH JUNE 2024**

**PUBERTAL TRANS IDENTIFICATION:  
WHAT CHANGES AROUND  
THE WORLD?**

**GERMANY - ENGLAND - AUSTRALIA - AUSTRIA - BELGIUM - CANADA - SPAIN -  
FINLAND - FRANCE - NETHERLANDS - SWEDEN - SWITZERLAND - USA**

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<p><b>8.45AM</b></p>	<p><b>Reception of the participants</b> Please arrive on time for the security check at the entrance Identity card or passport required</p>
	<p><b>Opening</b> by Céline Masson, Caroline Eliacheff, Beryl Koener</p>
<p><b>9.45AM</b></p>	<p><b>Opening lecture: Medicine caught up in ideology</b> Chantal Delsol, philosopher</p>
<p><b>10.00AM</b></p>	<p><b>Europe : the pioneers: what changes in 2024? From the <i>Dutch Protocol</i> to alerting doctors in specialist departments</b></p> <p>✦ Hosted by <b>Beryl Koener</b>, child psychiatrist and <b>Samuel Veissière</b>, Associate Professor, Department of psychology (Psychodynamic Section), Québec University in Montréal (UQAM)</p> <p>✦ <b>David Bell</b>, psychiatrist, former Governor of Tavistock &amp; Portman NHS Foundation Trust, former President of the British Psychoanalytic Society, <b>England</b> <b>Michael Biggs</b>, Senior Lecturer in sociology at Oxford University, <b>England</b> <b>Riittakerttu Kaltiala</b>, Professor of child psychiatry, Head of the Department of adolescent psychiatry, University of Tampere and Tampere University Hospital, <b>Finlande</b> <b>Sven Román</b>, child psychiatrist, <b>Sweden</b> <b>Jilles Smids</b>, philosopher and ethicist, guest researcher at Erasmus Medical Center, Rotterdam, and lecturer at Groningen University, <b>Netherlands</b></p>
	<p><b>Sound interlude</b></p>
<p><b>11.15AM</b></p>	<p><b>Becoming a boy : the mirage of « sex transfuges »</b> Claude Habib, essayist, Honorary Professor of Literature at Sorbonne Nouvelle University</p>
<p><b>11.30AM</b></p>	<p><b>Europe and the countries that haven't changed (yet): what's the situation in 2024?</b></p> <p>✦ Led by <b>Leonardo Orlando</b>, Doctor of political science</p> <p>✦ <b>Silvia Carrasco</b>, Senior Lecturer in Anthropology at the Autonomous University of Barcelona, <b>Spain</b> <b>José Errasti</b>, Senior Lecturer in psychology, Oviedo University, <b>Spain</b> <b>Christian Flavigny</b>, child psychiatrist, psychoanalyst, <b>France</b> <b>Beryl Koener</b>, child psychiatrist, <b>Belgium</b> <b>Alexander Korte</b>, psychiatrist, specialist in child and adolescent psychiatry and psychotherapy, senior consultant and deputy clinic director, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, <b>Germany</b> <b>Jean-Pierre Lebrun</b>, psychiatrist, psychoanalyst, essayist, Vice-President of the International Lacanian Association, <b>Belgium</b> <b>André Leonhardt</b>, Research psychologist, Department of child and adolescent psychiatry, psychotherapy and psychosomatics, Tyrol Clinic, <b>Austria</b> <b>Marino Pérez Alvarez</b>, Professor of psychology, Oviedo University, <b>Spain</b></p>

**SATURDAY 29 JUNE 2024 / PUBERTAL TRANS IDENTIFICATION:  
WHAT CHANGES AROUND THE WORLD?**

1.00PM	<b>Break</b>
2.30PM	<p><b>French-speaking parents' associations</b>  presented by <b>Caroline Eliacheff</b> and <b>Céline Masson</b>  <b>Ypomoni, France</b>  and the <b>Association pour une approche Mesurée des Questionnements de Genre - AMQG-AUFG, Switzerland</b> (for a Measured Approach to Gender Issues-AMQG-AUFG)</p>
	<b>Sound interlude</b>
3.00PM	<p><b>Hatred of children from the Middle Ages to the present day</b>  <b>Xavier-Laurent Salvador</b>, agrégé of modern literature and HDR lecturer in medieval language and literature</p>
3.15PM	<p><b>Georges Perla</b>, storyteller and <b>Jasko Ramics</b>, musician  « <b>Contes et merveilles</b> » (Tales and wonders)</p>
3:30PM	<p><b>USA - Canada - Australia: transidentification of adolescents and the rapid onset of gender dysphoria in adolescence</b> (ROGD Rapid Onset Gender Dysphoria)  <b>Current state of play : a political battle?</b></p> <p>+</p> <p>Led by <b>Beryl Koener</b>, child psychiatrist and <b>Leonardo Orlando</b>, Doctor of political science</p> <p>+</p> <p><b>Zhenya Abbruzzese</b>, research methodologist, health economist and cofounder of Society for Evidence-Based Gender Medicine (SEGM), <b>USA</b>  <b>Roberto D'Angelo</b>, psychiatrist and psychoanalyst, President of SEGM, <b>Australia</b>  <b>Stephen B. Levine</b>, MD Clinical, Case Western Reserve University, School of Medicine Psychiatrist, <b>USA</b>  <b>Lisa Littman</b>, medical researcher, The Institute for Comprehensive Gender Dysphoria Research, <b>USA</b>  <b>Samuel Veissière</b>, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology (Psychodynamic Section), Québec University in Montréal (UQAM), <b>Canada</b>  <b>Ken Zucker</b>, Child clinical psychologist, Professor (Status Only), Department of Psychiatry, Toronto University, <b>Canada</b></p>
5.00PM	<b>Debate with the audience</b>
5.30PM	<b>Closing of the symposium</b>

# THE SPEAKERS



**SENATOR  
JACQUELINE EUSTACHE-BRINIO**

Senator of Val-d'Oise since September 24, 2017



**PROFESSEUR  
DIDIER SICARD**

Emeritus Professor of Internal Medicine, Paris Cité University, Chairman of the «Comité consultatif national d'éthique» from 1999 to 2008, **France**



**CAROLINE ELIACHEFF**

Co-director of the OPS, child psychiatrist and psychoanalyst, **France**



**CÉLINE MASSON**

Co-director of OPS, full Professor of psychology at Picardie Jules Verne University, **France**



**ROBERTO D'ANGELO**

Psychiatrist and psychoanalyst, President of the Society for Evidence-Based Gender Medicine (SEGM), **Australia**



**ZHENYA ABBRUZZESE**

Research methodologist, health economist and cofounder of the Society for Evidence-Based Gender Medicine (SEGM), **USA**

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**DAVID BELL**

Psychiatrist, former Governor of Tavistock & Portman NHS Foundation Trust (England), former President of the British Psychoanalytic Society, **England**



**MICHAEL BIGGS**

Senior Lecturer in sociology at Oxford University, **England**



**ANDREAS BIKFALVI**

Professor of Cell Biology, Bordeaux University, **France**



**ANNE-LAURE BOCH**

Neurosurgeon, hospital practitioner, **France**



**JEAN-FRANÇOIS BRAUNSTEIN**

Emeritus Professor of philosophy at Panthéon-Sorbonne University, **France**



**SILVIA CARRASCO**

Senior Lecturer in Anthropology at the Autonomous University of Barcelona, **Spain**



# THE SPEAKERS



**DOMINIQUE CRESTINU**

Endocrino-gynecologist, psychosomatic specialist,  
France



**THIERRY DELCOURT**

Psychiatrist, child psychiatrist, psychoanalyst, France



**CHANTAL DELSOL**

Philosopher, France



**JOSÉ MANUEL ERRASTI PÉREZ**

Senior Lecturer in Psychology, Oviedo University, Spain



**CHRISTIAN FLAVIGNY**

Child psychiatrist, psychoanalyst, France



**KARINNE GUENICHE**

Clinical psychologist, psychoanalyst, Assistant  
Professor-Lecturer of Research in Clinical Psychology  
at Paris Cité University, France



# THE SPEAKERS



**CLAUDE HABIB**

Essayist, Honorary Professor of Literature at Sorbonne Nouvelle University, **France**



**NATHALIE HEINICH**

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**RIITTAKERTTU KALTIALA**

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**BERYL KOENER**

Child psychiatrist, **Belgium**



**ALEXANDER KORTE**

Psychiatrist, specialist in child and adolescent psychiatry and psychotherapy, senior consultant and deputy clinic director, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, **Germany**



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**JEAN-PIERRE LEBRUN**

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**ANDRÉ LEONHARDT**

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**PASCAL MALLET**

Professor of Developmental Psychology at Paris Nanterre University, **France**



**ISABELLE DE MECQUENEM**

Professor of philosophy, **France**

# THE SPEAKERS



**MICHEL MESSU**

Honorary Professor of sociology, University of Nantes, **France**



**LEONARDO ORLANDO**

Doctor of political science, **France**



**MARINO PÉREZ ÁLVAREZ**

Professor of Psychology, Oviedo University, **Spain**



**GÉRARD RABINOVITCH**

Philosopher and sociologist, **France**



**JEAN-LOUIS RENCHON**

Professor Emeritus of Family Law at the University of Louvain and the University of Saint-Louis in Brussels, **Belgium**



**JACQUES ROBERT**

Emeritus Professor of Cancerology at Bordeaux University and Honorary Hospital Practitioner at the Institut Bergonié, **France**

# THE SPEAKERS



**SVEN ROMÁN**

Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, **Sweden**



**XAVIER-LAURENT SALVADOR**

Agrégé of modern literature and HDR lecturer in medieval language and literature, **France**



**JILLES SMIDS**

Philosopher and ethicist, guest researcher at Erasmus Medical Center, Rotterdam, and lecturer at Groningen University, **Netherlands**



**JEAN-FRANÇOIS SOLAL**

Child psychiatrist and psychoanalyst, **France**



**KATHLEEN STOCK**

Philosopher and feminist, **England**



**JEAN SZLAMOWICZ**

Professor at Bourgogne University, linguist and translator, **France**

# THE SPEAKERS



**PIERRE-HENRI TAVOILLOT**

Senior Lecturer in Philosophy at the Faculty of Letters, Sorbonne University, President of the Collège de Philosophie, **France**



**PIERRE VALENTIN**

Essayist, and doctoral student in political science, **France**



**SAMUEL VEISSIÈRE**

Associate Professor, Department of Psychology (Psychodynamic Section), Québec University of Montréal (UQAM), **Canada**



**JEAN-PIERRE WINTER**

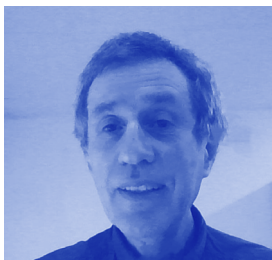
Psychoanalyst and essayist, **France**



**KEN ZUCKER**

Child clinical psychologist, Professor (Status Only), Department of Psychiatry, Toronto University, **Canada**

# THE SPEAKERS



**GEORGES PERLA**

actor and storyteller  
Georges Perla's voice is accompanied by the accordion of Jasko Ramic, master of the gypsy accordion.

His short talks will focus on tales that we call «merveilleux» (marvellous):

*The Story of the Youth Who Went Forth to Learn What Fear Was - Hans - my hedgehog - The half-man, half-beast child , The Girl with Severed Hands - The boy turned into a wolf- The girl who had to flee from her father, hidden in a wooden garment, or The man who one day woke up with the head of a pig.*

These stories evoke the pain of being in one's own skin, what we can't say, what we are unable to say.

The tale calls it: **enchantments, spells, metamorphoses.**

# ASSOCIATIONS



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Collective of parents for an ethical approach to gender issues, **France**



Association pour une Approche Mesurée des Questionnements de Genre chez les Jeunes / Verein für einen Angemessenen Umgang mit Fragen zum Geschlecht bei jungen Menschen

**AMQG**

Association for a Measured Approach to Gender Issues among young people-AMQG-AUFG, **Switzerland**

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