From Childhood Studies to Childism: Reconstructing Scholarly and Social Imaginations

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This talk discusses the emerging concept of childism and how it both arises out of and expands beyond the field of childhood studies. Childism is roughly equivalent to movements like feminism, postgenderism, and transhumanism and refers to the effort to empower children’s experiences to challenge and transform social and scholarly norms. As such, it offers a different kind of critique of historically engrained patriarchy, or the assumed power of men, but now in new ways according not only to gender, ethnicity, and class, but also age. What would a theoretically grounded and critical childism look like? How could it contribute both to childhood studies and to larger social scientific and humanistic research? And in what ways might it help in forming less adultistic societies overall?

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