

Danish children's spirituality



Programme – 23th of June

14:00 Welcome by Dorte Toudal Viftrup

14:10-15.00 Symposium: "Spiritual and Religious Diversity and Communication with Children in Highly Secular Denmark"

Dorte Toudal Viftrup: *Danish Children's Spiritual Conceptions and Language: A Qualitative Study Among 1st and 3rd Graders*

Sebastian Bloch: *Addressing Danish Children's Spiritual Needs and Health: Developing a Culture-Sensitive Measure*

Charlotte Ege: *Facilitating existential language among 1st graders. A case study on collaboration between schools and the State Church of Denmark*

Ricko Damberg Nissen: *The Existential Room: The children's drawings from Hospice Djursland*

15:15-16.00 Chris Boyatzis: "How Mothers Discuss Religion with Their Children in Highly Secular Denmark"

16:15 Questions and discussion in plenum

17:00 Light Dinner and hygge

Guest speaker: Prof. Chris Boyatzis

Chris J. Boyatzis, Ph.D., is Professor of Psychology at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, PA, and is a developmental psychologist who studies religious and spiritual development, culture and child development, and parenting, especially the intersection of all three areas.

He is former president of the American Psychological Association's Div. 36, Society for the Psychology of Religion and Spirituality, and is associate editor of the field's major journal, *Psychology of Religion and Spirituality*. He has authored chapters on child and adolescent religion and spirituality in many of the field's major handbooks, has edited numerous special issues of journals on the topic, and since 2001 has organized a preconference on religious and spiritual development at the meetings of the Society for Research on Child Development.

He first taught in Copenhagen in summer 2010 at the Danish Institute for Study Abroad, and then created Bucknell in Denmark, an intensive study-abroad summer program for his Bucknell students to study childhood in Denmark. He has been directing that program since 2011 and during that time has conducted mixed-methods studies on Danish (and US) parenting and collaborated with various Danish scholars.

Location:

The seminar will be held at **the 23th of June at kl. 14:**

Forskningsenheden for Almen Praksis (FEA)

J. B. Winsløvsvej 9A

5000 Odense

Conference room: 4.21 / 4.39 depending on number of participants.

Sign up:

Attendance in the seminar is free, but we would very much like to know how many people come, and if you would like to attend a light dinner after the seminar. We end around kl. 18-18.30.

Please, send an email to: dviftrup@health.sdu.dk

Forskningsgruppen for Eksistentiel og Åndelig omsorg:

The seminar is organized by Forskningsgruppen for Eksistentiel og Åndelig Omsorg ved Forskningsenheden for Almen Praksis – Odense, Syddansk Universitet.

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