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Research

Sabine Andresen's research includes historical perspectives on childhood and youth (e.g. about Janusz Korczak or Ellen Key). She investigates in empirical studies on children's rights, childhood vulnerability and child well-being in Germany and from an international perspective. Children and young people's perceptions affected by marginalized topics in the field of childhood research are vital part of her research.

During the last decade she also intensively focused on the societal association on sexual abuse of children and young people, on sexual abuse in families as well as on transitional justice.

Education

- 2003 she completed her Habilitation in Education at Zurich University (Sozialistische Kindheitskonzepte. Politische Einflüsse auf die Erziehung. München: Reinhardt 2006).
- 1997 she completed her PhD at the University of Heidelberg with a thesis on girls and woman in the German youth movement in the early 1990ies.
- From 1991 to 1994 she completed her Diploma in Education, PH Heidelberg
- From 1986 to 1990 Sabine Andresen studied teacher education (History, German studies and Music), PH Heidelberg

Professional Employment

- Since 10/2021 she is Dean of the Faculty of Education at Frankfurt University
- Since 2020 she is Goethe-Fellow at research college of human sciences in Bad Homburg

- Since 2011 Professor of Social pedagogy and Family Studies at Frankfurt University.
- From 2010 to 2011 Sabine Andresen was prorector for international affairs and communication at Bielefeld University.
- From 2004 to 2011 Professor of General Educational Science at Bielefeld University.
- From 2001 to 2004 she was senior assistant at Zurich University.
- From 1998 to 2001 Sabine Andresen was a scholarship holder and scientific employee at Heidelberg University (Margarete von Wrangell Stipendium).
- From 1994 to 1997 Sabine Andresen worked as researcher in an ethnographic project on middle childhood, PH Heidelberg.

Editorship

Alongside numerous others, Sabine Andresen is member of the following editorial boards and editor of following publications:

- Editorial board of the journal “Zeitschrift für Pädagogik” (Journal of Pedagogy)
- Editor-in-chief of Childhood Vulnerability Journal
- With Dieter Nittel and Christiane Thompson: editorship of “Erziehung nach Auschwitz bis heute: Aufklärungsanspruch und Gesellschaftsanalyse” (Education from Auschwitz to today: Requirement of awareness and societal analysis) series: Frankfurt contributions to educational Sciences. Faculty of Educational Sciences, Frankfurt University in 2019
- With Sascha Neumann und Kantar Public: editorship of “Kinder in Deutschland 2018: 4. World Vision Kinderstudie” (Children in Germany 2018: 4th World Vision Children’s Study)

Memberships

Sabine Andresen is well connected in the international scientific community. She is actively affiliated with the following institutions and/or organizations:

- Since 2019 Member “Nationaler Rat gegen sexuelle Gewalt an Kindern und Jugendlichen“

- Since 2017 she is member of the Academy of Sciences and Literature (class: Geistes- und Sozialwissenschaften), Mainz
- From 2016 to 2021 chairwoman of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse in Germany
- Since 2014 advisory committee for questions concerning families at the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth
- Since 2011 scientific advisory committee of the German Youth Institute in Munich

Academic services

Furthermore, Sabine Andresen is actively participating in the following academic services:

- Since 2023 she is Editorial Board Member: Journal: Children and Youth Services Review
- Since 2009 Sabine Andresen is part of the Scientific Board International Society for Child Indicators.
- She serves as reviewer for the DFG, BMBF, Volkswagen Foundation and Schweizerische Nationalfonds zur Förderung der wissenschaftlichen Forschung (SNF) and Israel Science Foundation (ISF).
- In addition to that, Sabine Andresen regularly serves as external reviewer in appointment procedures at German universities and universities abroad (e.g. UK, Israel and the US)

Prizes

- On 04.12.2020 she was awarded the Public Service Fellowship Prize of the Alfons and Gertrud Kassel Foundation for her scientific and social engagement in the field of sexual violence against children and adolescents.

Current third-party funded projects

- 2021-2025: German Research College "Doing Transitions": Forms of creating transitions during lifetimes.
- 2020-2021: Families beyond societal norms. Everyday life, needs, interests and rights of families with more than one child and surviving members of families. Cooperation with Bertelsmann Stiftung

- Since 2019: „Intersectionality in Aging (MCIA): Building Bridges Between Multiply Marginalized Older Adults and Mainstream Society”, Haifa University, with Tova Band-Winterstein, Haifa (Health Sciences), Zvi Eisikovits, Haifa (Social Work)
- 2018-2021: Project coordinator „Auf-Wirkung“. Inquiry into child sexual abuse and its importance for past, present and future. Federal Ministry of Education and Research. Joint research project with UKE (Medical Center Hamburg-Eppendorf), Rostock University, Soffi (Social Research Institute of Gender Issues Berlin/Freiburg), IPP (Social Sciences Institute Munich).
- 2018-2020: Scientific supervision of project “Babyotse. Prevention right from the start.” Crespo Foundation, der Stiftung Polytechnische Gesellschaft, der aqtivator gGmbH und der BHF Bank Stiftung.
- 2017-2021: German Research College “Doing Transitions”: Forms of creating transitions during lifetimes.
- 2017-2020: Children’s Worlds. International Survey of Children’s Well-Being. Project coordination with Asher Ben-Arieh (Jerusalem), Jonathan Bradshaw and Gwyther Rees (York), Ferran Casas (Girona), Bong Jo Lee (Seoul). A comparative study in 34 countries. Funded by Jacobs Foundation Zurich.