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Abstract

A child is commonly understood as a human who is not yet an adult – a definition which positions children in relation to adulthood and emphasizes their perceived lack of agency and compare. This adult-centric perspective is present in both society and research, where children are frequently regarded as passive recipients of adult actions and decisions. This workshop positions child interpreting as a form of non-professional interpreting and acknowledges children as active agents of the field who constantly shape and evolve the practice of interpreting in various settings of everyday life in multilingual societies.

The workshop invites participants to explore child interpreting with the method of interpreting enactments, a participative and performative approach to interpreter education and empowerment (Bahadır 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011), rooted in Boal's (1979) Forum Theatre method. The aim is to provide an open space for adults to explore the practice of child interpreting and the perspective of child interpreters, starting out from their own adult perceptions and perspectives by working on rough framing scenarios collectively and by enacting, observing and directing the enactments. The participants will actively participate in body and spatial awareness exercises related to child interpreting, but also reflect on their own perceptions and performances and the practices of child interpreting during the workshop.

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Rabia Odabaşı has a BA in English Language Teaching from Marmara University and a double major degree in English Translation and Interpreting from the same institution. She holds a master's degree in Translation Studies from Sakarya University with her research titled "Collaboration Dynamics in Child Mental Health Interpreting." She is currently pursuing her doctoral studies at the Department of Translation Studies (ITAT), University of Graz under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Şebnem Bahadır-Berzig.

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