

**SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY**

**EDUCATION 487-4**

**SPECIAL TOPICS: EDUCATION AND CHANGING CONCEPTS OF CHILDHOOD  
(D1.00)  
(CAT. #96531)**

Regular Summer Semester, 1993  
(May 3 - July 30)  
Tuesday, 1:00-4:50 p.m.  
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**PREREQUISITES: EDUC 401/402**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course will consist of a study of some of the origins of twentieth century concepts of childhood and their relationship to educational thought and practice in the western world.

**COURSE TOPICS:**

**1. Theoretical perspectives**

Twentieth century interpretations of the experience of childhood will be examined. Particular attention will be given to the works of Philippe Aries and Lloyd deMause.

**2. Early Concepts of Childhood and Education**

- a. Late Roman and Medieval Concepts of Childhood
- b. The "Bele Babees"--The Courtesy Tradition
- c. The Early Protestant Educators--The Educational Writings of Martin Luther, John Calvin and Others
- d. The Puritans and Literature for Children
- e. John Locke--"the father of the Enlightenment in educational thought."

**3. Eighteenth and Nineteenth Century Concepts of Childhood and Education**

- a. Jean-Jacques Rousseau and Naturalism
- b. Evangelicalism and Childhood
- c. Romanticism and Childhood
- d. Children of the Industrial Revolution

**4. Selected Concepts of Childhood and Education in the Twentieth Century**

- a. The Loss of Innocence: Child Sexuality and Aggression--Sigmund Freud
- b. The Well Socialized Child:
  - i. Maria Montessori
  - ii. John Dewey
  - iii. Dr. Spock
- c. The Free Child--A.S. Neill

**5. Children Without Childhood**

- a. Children of Poverty
- b. Children of War
- c. Discussion Topics
  - i. Child Abuse
  - ii. Drug Abuse
  - iii. The Changing Family

(Please see over)

**COURSE ASSESSMENT:**

Written assignments, presentations, and class participation

**REQUIRED TEXTS:**

Aries, Phillipe. Centuries of Childhood. A Social History of Family Life. Translated by R. Baldick. New York: Vintage Books, 1962.

Rousseau, Jean-Jacques. Emile. Translated and edited by William Boyd. New York: Teachers College, Columbia University, 1956.

Bagnell, Kenneth. The Little Immigrants. The Orphans Who Came to Canada. Toronto: Macmillan, 1980.