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3.30pm-5.00pm**

**Perth College,  
University of the  
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# **The Leverhulme Trust Lecture Irene Rizzini**

## **Children and the city – methodologies for listening to children**

Based on a photo exhibit named 'Contrasts: The Children of Rio de Janeiro' that featured children in diverse neighborhoods, we have experimented with using photos from the exhibit to engage children in conversations and various forms of active participation in several Rio schools. We have been experimenting with methodological approaches, extracting silhouettes of the photographs and inviting the children to imagine and recreate the full scene according to their own designs. These workshops promote graphic expression and many conversations and games about the delights and problems of the city in which the children live. The goal was to reflect on what methodologies nurture connections among researchers, teachers, and children and allows new insights to be gained. The results of this study build on literature that focuses on what research with meaningful children's participation should involve. This lecture will focus on reflections that emerged from this experience.

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