

## CHILDREN AS PERSONS OF INTEREST: A UNIVERSAL BUT NEGLECTED CATEGORY IN SOCIAL PERCEPTION RESEARCH



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Children under 14 years old represent 25% of the world population. For decades, scholars in sociology, education, and law have highlighted the importance of recognizing children as full and rightful members of society, instead of merely adults in the making, whose identity is confined to their role in families and at school. Yet, social psychology, which is inherently interested in social perceptions, intergroup relations, and understanding behavior towards different social categories, has devoted surprisingly little attention to children as social targets. In this talk, I'll present an overview of the research me and my team have been conducting over the past few years, which provides novel insights into how children are perceived. For instance, I'll tell you about how children are perceived as less human than adults, despite being generally liked, which represents a novel dissociation between prejudice and infra-humanization. Other topics include personality trait inferences, ageism directed at children (i.e., childism), and social devaluation of child-oriented jobs. At the end of the talk, I'll present some thoughts on possible implications of the findings and will be looking forward to listen and discuss your own thoughts.

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