

Acknowledgments

Published by

Frühstück, Sabine and Anne Walthall. Child's Play: Multi-Sensory Histories of Children and Childhood in Japan. University of California Press, 2017. Project MUSE. https://dx.doi.org/10.1353/book.63407.



➡ For additional information about this book https://muse.jhu.edu/book/63407



ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Earlier versions of the essays published in this volume were presented at a workshop held at the University of California, Santa Barbara on 27–28 February 2015. Erika Imada and Kimio Itō gave two additional papers that could not be included here but have been published in Japanese.¹ We would like to extend special thanks to Machida Kumi who agreed to a panel discussion about her art, much of which features childlike figures. Jennifer Robertson and Dick Hebdige made this component of the event most interesting.²

We are grateful for the generous support of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, the main sponsor of the conference and, with Sabine Frühstück, its co-organizer. Also essential were the support of the Society for the History of Children and Youth, the Division of Humanities and Fine Arts, and the Division of Social Sciences at the University of California, Santa Barbara. We are also delighted to acknowledge the generosity and enthusiasm with which the following academic units at UCSB supported the event: Interdisciplinary Humanities Center, East Asian Center, and the departments of Art, East Asian Languages and Cultural Studies, History, Sociology, and Anthropology. We couldn't have done it without our brilliant conference assistant, Dr. Silke Werth, the unwavering support of Japanese language instructors Akiyo Cantrell and Yoko Yamauchi, and the dedicated interpreters, sound and visual technicians, and mini-crisis managers we found in graduate students Cade Bourne, Erika I-Tremblay, Ema Parker, Christoph Reichenbächer, Emily B. Simpson, and Kai Wasson.

We acknowledge our gratitude to Machida Kumi for allowing us to use her work "Relations" (2006) for the cover of the book. A contribution by the Dean of Humanities and Fine Arts and an Open Access Fund at UCSB, as well as support from University of California, Irvine, Humanities Commons, home of coeditor Anne Walthall, made this publication possible. As always we owe a debt of gratitude to Reed Malcolm for his interest and enthusiasm, Caroline Knapp for her brilliant copyediting, and Zuha Khan for expertly ushering the manuscript through the production process.

NOTES

1. Slightly modified versions of both papers have been published in Japanese. Imada's is included in *Sekushuariti no sengo-shi: Henyō suru shinmitsuken kōkyōken*, ed. Koyama Shizuko, Akaeda Kanako, and Imada Erika (Kyōto: Kyōto Daigaku Gakujutsu Shuppankai, 2014). Itô's can be found in *Dansei no hibōryoku senden—howaito ribon kyanpēn*, ed. Taga Futoshi, Itō Kimio, and Andō Tetsuya (Tokyo: Iwanami Shoten, 2015).

2. In 2016, Machida's work was exhibited at Asia House (London), the National Art Center (Tokyo), Ohara Museum of Art (Kurashiki), and the Museum of Contemporary Art Tokyo.