



## TikTok & Children

Monday 8 May 2023  
0900-1610 hrs GMT+8

The TikTok Cultures Research Network holds its seventh virtual event **TikTok & Children Symposium** on 8 May 2023. This Symposium is held in collaboration with the Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for the Digital Child and organised by Prof Crystal Abidin, Dr Jin Lee, and Prof Tama Leaver.

In response to the potentials and pitfalls in children’s use of TikTok, this one-day online Symposium will discuss crucial issues to understanding children’s rights on TikTok and examining their wellbeing and safety on the platform. The Symposium will showcase the emergent research on characteristics, climate, concerns, and chances of children growing up with and on TikTok, and discuss these issues with the industry and TikTok studies scholars. The event features a conversation with TikTok, and an academic round table with leading ECR scholars on TikTok, moderated by Prof Crystal Abidin.

GMT +8	Event Programme	
0900 - 0910	<b>Opening/Welcome</b> (10min)	<b>Crystal ABIDIN, Jin LEE and Tama LEAVER</b>
0910 - 0955	<b>FIRESIDE CHAT: Conversation with TikTok</b> (45min)	<b>Claire GARTLAND</b> , Youth Safety & Wellbeing Global Product Policy Lead, Trust & Safety Global Product Policy Department  <b>Kathryn GRANT</b> , Outreach & Partnerships Manager, Research Partnerships Lead TikTok Trust & Safety  <b>Moderator: Crystal ABIDIN</b>  Conversation (30min) Q&A (15min)
	Break (5min)	
1000 - 1045	<b>ROUNDTABLE: Conversation with leading ECRs on TikTok research</b> (45min)	<b>Aleesha RODRIGUEZ</b> , Queensland University of Technology  <b>Alex TURVY</b> , Tulane University

		<p><b>Xinyu (Andy) ZHAO</b>, Deakin University</p> <p><b>Moderator: Crystal ABIDIN</b></p> <p>Conversation (30min) Q&amp;A (15min)</p>
	Break (15min)	
1100 - 1155	<p><b>SESSION 01: Children &amp; Care on TikTok</b></p> <p>(55min)</p>	<p><b>Jessica MCLEAN</b>, Macquarie University</p> <p><b>Jessica RAUCHBERG</b>, McMaster University</p> <p><b>James SHANAHAN</b>, Columbia University</p> <p><b>Ganiyat TIJANI-ADENLE</b>, North-West University</p> <p><b>Moderator: Jin LEE</b></p>
	Break (5min)	
1200 - 1255	<p><b>SESSION 02: Children &amp; Parenting on TikTok</b></p> <p>(55min)</p>	<p><b>Sara AL DERHAM</b>, Newcastle University</p> <p><b>Tess FLETCHER</b>, Telethon Kids Institute</p> <p><b>Jacob SMITH</b>, University of North Carolina</p> <p><b>Youssef YAKOUB</b>, Indiana University of Pennsylvania</p> <p><b>Moderator: Tama LEAVER</b></p>
	Break (5min)	
1300 - 1355	<p><b>SESSION 03: Children &amp; Concerns on Tikok</b></p> <p>(55min)</p>	<p><b>Jessica BALANZATEGUI</b>, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology</p> <p><b>Summer GAMBLE</b>, St Mary's University</p> <p><b>Megan LUPTON</b>, De Montfort University</p> <p><b>Emily MUNRO</b>, Telethon Kids Institute; University of Western Australia</p> <p><b>Moderator: Jin LEE</b></p>
	Break (5min)	

1400 - 1455	<b>SESSION 04: Children &amp; Play on TikTok</b>  (55min)	<b>Teresa Sofia CASTRO</b> , Universidade Lusófona <b>Madelyn GARCIA</b> , University of the Philippines <b>Emilie OWENS</b> , University of Oslo <b>Jialin WU</b> , Edinburgh Napier University <b>Moderator: Tama LEAVER</b>
	Break (5min)	
1500 - 1555	<b>SESSION 05: Children &amp; Regulation on TikTok</b>  (55min)	<b>Tom DIVON</b> , The Hebrew University of Jerusalem <b>Viet Tho LE</b> , Van Lang University <b>Gergely LENDVAI</b> , Pázmány Péter Catholic University <b>Octavia OLMOS-RODRIGUEZ</b> , Aarhus University; Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile <b>Moderator: Jin LEE</b>
1555 - 1610	<b>Closing</b>  (15 min)	<b>Jin LEE</b>

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