THE USES AND ABUSES OF BIOLOGY: NEUROSCIENCE, PARENTING AND FAMILY POLICY IN BRITAIN

Friday 28 March 2014
Room B04, 43 Gordon Square, Birkbeck, University of London, London

9.30—10.00am Arrival and registration

10.00—10.30am
Ellie Lee, Welcome and Introduction to the day
Nell Whiteway, ‘The Uses and Abuses of Biology Research Programme’

10.30am—12.00pm Keynote Lecture: Distortions of Neuroscience. Lecture by John T. Bruer, Respondents: Steven Rose and Cliodhna O’Connor. Chair: Ellie Lee

12.00pm—13.15pm Lunch


Chair for afternoon, Professor Ann Phoenix, presenters are Jan Macvarish, Professor Val Gillies and Nicola Horsley

14.45—15.00pm Break

15.00—16.15pm Perspectives on the problems of early intervention.

Panel discussion, with an introduction on ‘Practitioner Views’ by Val Gillies and Nicola Horsley. Panellists are John Bruer, Frank Furedi, Pam Lowe and Sue White

16.15pm Closing remarks: Ann Phoenix
Biographies

Professor John T. Bruer, President of the James S. McDonnell Foundation in St. Louis, author, *The Myth of the First Three Years: A new understanding of early brain development and lifelong learning*

Frank Furedi, Emeritus Professor of Sociology University of Kent, author of *Paranoid Parenting* and *Authority: A Sociological History*

Professor Val Gillies, member of the Weeks Centre for Social and Policy Research, London South Bank University and Participant in the ‘Uses and Abuses of Biology’ Research Programme

Dr Nicola Horsley, member of the Weeks Centre for Social and Policy Research, London South Bank University and Participant in the ‘Uses and Abuses of Biology’ Research Programme

Dr Ellie Lee, Reader in Social Policy, University of Kent, Director, Centre for Parenting Culture Studies and Participant in the ‘Uses and Abuses of Biology’ Research Programme

Dr Pam Lowe, Senior Lecturer in Sociology, Aston University, Associate, Centre for Parenting Culture Studies, and Participant in the ‘Uses and Abuses of Biology’ Research Programme

Dr Jan Macvarish, Founding Associate, Centre for Parenting Culture Studies, University of Kent and Participant in the ‘Uses and Abuses of Biology’ Research Programme

Dr Cliodhna O’Connor, PhD student in the Research Student Division of Psychology & Language Sciences, University College London and Participant in the ‘Uses and Abuses of Biology’ Research Programme

Professor Ann Phoenix, Thomas Coram Research Unit, Institute of Education, London

Professor Steven Rose, Emeritus Professor of Physick, Gresham College London, co-author *Genes, Cells and Brains: the Promethean promises of the new biology.*

Sue White, Professor of Social Work (Children and Families) at the Institute of Applied Social Studies, University of Birmingham

Dr Nell Whiteway, Co-Ordinator, the Uses and Abuses of Biology Programme, Faraday Institute, Cambridge