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Our Mythical Childhood... Classical Reception in Global Children's Culture

Our Mythical Childhood is an international research collaboration, funded through the European Research Council from 2016-2021 Grant Agreement# 681202). It is directed by Prof. Katarzyna Marciniak (U. Warsaw) and has an international team from Poland, Israel, Cameroon, the UK, and Australia. It surveys classical reception in global children's culture, through a wide variety of individual and joint research projects. I lead the Australasian wing of *Our Mythical Childhood*, and propose to talk about the project's elements, which include open-access surveys of children's texts inspired by classical topics, and of learning materials and outreach work; the animation of Greek vases through the Panoply project, work integrating autistic learning into classical myth, reception in Soviet animation, gathering living myth from African oral traditions, and more. This project is profoundly intercultural, interdisciplinary and operates in many modes (written, oral, visual, traditional, popular, lasting, ephemeral, textual, digital), reflecting the diversity and breadth of classical influences today. I will talk about the project, showing examples and discoveries, from Australasia and around the world. I will explain how interested parties can contribute and participate with this project, which reveals the power of children's culture to promote and disseminate a love of the ancient world.



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