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Presenting: Constructing the Socialist Child: Education, Youth Organisations, and Children's Media in the People's Republic of China (1949–1966)



I am a recent graduate from the University of Edinburgh holding a Master of Arts (Hons) in Chinese and History. While studying a variety of different subjects at Edinburgh, and at Peking University, I became very interested in differing educational systems and how these systems help to shape childhood. My research looks at how this played out in 1950's Maoist China, a world away from the Isle of Man education system.

This presentation is entered into the Manx Graduate Dissertation Competition.