

## Roundtable: Children's Literature Scholarship in Europe

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### Speakers

**Marina Balina** is Isaac Funk Professor and professor of Russian Studies at Illinois Wesleyan University, USA. From 2014 through 2017 she served as chair of the International Committee of ChLA. She is a founding member of the *Working Group for the Study of Russian Children's Literature and Culture* (currently Childhood in Eastern Europe, Eurasia, and Russia) that unites scholars dedicated to the study and promotion of children's literature of the former Eastern Bloc.

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**Vanessa Joosen** is associate professor of English literature and children's literature at the University of Antwerp, Belgium. She organises the children's literature summer school in Antwerp, and leads the ERC project "Constructing Age for Young Readers".

**Bettina Kümmerling-Meibauer** is professor in the German Department of the University of Tübingen, Germany. She has been chair of the project "Children's Literature and European Avant-Garde", funded by the European Science Foundation and is one of the founding members of the "European Network of Picturebook Research".

**Helma van Lierop** is professor of children's literature at Tilburg University, the Netherlands, where she coordinates a master's programme on children's and young adult literature. Her research interests are adolescent novels, girls' fiction and life writing. She is also the president of the Dutch IBBY section.

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**Smiljana Narančić Kovač** is associate professor at the Faculty of Teacher Education, University of Zagreb, Croatia. She is vice president of the Croatian Association of Researchers in Children's Literature, editor-in-chief of *Libri et Liberi* and head of the Centre for Research in Children's Literature and Culture in Zagreb.

