“Children of Chernobyl” is not only a common label for the youngest victims of the nuclear disaster in the Soviet Union on 26 April 1986, it is also the name used by numerous civil society organizations that aim to help these victims worldwide. In a broader sense, this phrase has also been applied to social, political, and technical actors who were not directly affected by Chernobyl’s radioactive fallout, including some as far away as the United States.

Please join us for a talk by Dr. Melanie Arndt exploring different groups of “Chernobyl Children” and their interactions. Dr. Arndt will analyze their reactions and interpretations to the disaster from a transnational perspective, focusing on its social and political consequences in both the Soviet Union and the United States.