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- **Nick Lee** Warwick University *Researching Childhood, Growth and Change: Bio-politics, Affect and Attractors*
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