



Social Work International Conference (SWIC)

"SOCIAL WORK RESPONSES TO THE NEW REALITIES OF A TURBULENT WORLD"

NOVEMBER 2nd -3rd, 2017, BUCHAREST

Thursday, November 2nd 2017

9.00-10.45 **PARALLEL WORKSHOPS:**

Social work with refugees – experiences and practices, Prof. Univ. Dr. Amara Renate ECKERT (in EN with RO translation), Darmstadt University, Germany

– Room Council Room (Ground floor)

- *The Importance of Teacher's Self-Reflection in Creating a Trauma-Informed Social Work School, Assist. Prof. H. Özden BADEMCI, Istanbul University, Turkey*

– Room 105 (Ground floor)

- *Când iubirea lasă răni - lucrul cu victimele violenței domestice, Asociația ANAIS, Bucharest, Romania (In Romanian language)*

– Room Amf103 (Ground floor)

10.45-11.15 **BREAK**

11.15-13.00 **PARALLEL WORKSHOPS:**

- *Asistarea persoanelor LGBT, Asist.univ.dr. Iuliana Elena MOLNAR, SPER Institute, Bucharest, Romania (In RO language)*

– Room Council Room (Ground floor)

- *Casă și acasă. Celălalt. Ceilalți.*

Lect.univ.dr. Mihaela ȘCHIOPU, University of Bucharest, Romania (In RO language)

– Room 105 (Ground floor)

- *The possibilities and challenges of communication in social work, Conf. univ.dr. Lucija VEJMEKLA, University of Zagreb, Croatia & Lect.univ.dr. Mirela ANGHEL, University of Bucharest, Romania (in EN language)*



– Room Amf103 (Ground floor)

13.00-14.00 RECEPTION AND REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

13.00-14.00 EXHIBITIONS [open all conference long]

- **Butterflies as a symbol of transformation, by ANAIS Association**
- **Jewellery Exhibition, by LouBijoux**

13.00-14.00 COFFEE BREAK

14.00- 14.30 THE OFFICIAL CONFERENCE OPENING CEREMONY [plenum, amphitheatre]

Prof. Romița Iucu, Ph.D., Vice-Rector, University of Bucharest

Prof. Doru Buzducea, Ph.D., Dean, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest

Assoc. Prof. Adrian Dan, Ph.D., Head of Social Work Department, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest

President of the Organizing Committee of SWIC-UB 2017 Conference

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14.30-16.00 PUBLIC LECTURE [plenum, amphitheatre 103]

Prof. Annamaria Campanini, President of International Association of Schools of Social Work

“The role of social workers in a changing world”

16.00-16.30 COFFEE BREAK

16.30-18.30 PAPER PRESENTATION [parallel sessions]

SESSION 1

Community social work / International perspectives in social work / Social work and social development

16.30-18.30 | Room amphitheatre 103, ground floor | Thursday, November 2nd

Chair: **Linda Bell**

1. ‘Repro-preneurs’: surrogate mothers as vulnerable group: discursive legitimation and rationalization practices across media and forums
Oana Mara Stan - Department of Sociology, University of Bucharest, Romania
2. ‘Mothers Apart’: Following up participants and staff from the ‘Hummingbirds’ Initiative in London, UK
Linda Bell, Rachel Herring - Middlesex University, UK
3. Development of Community Based Social Work with Multi-Cultural Communities in



Albania

Ingrid Jones - *Partnerë për Fëmijët, Albania*

4. Social Intervention by Art and Culture

Sandra Mendes - *University of Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro, Portugal*

Sara Melo - *Instituto Superior de Serviço Social do Porto, Portugal*

5. Understanding urban marginal communities of Bucharest

Roxana-Andreea Marin - *University of Bucharest, Romania*

6. Social protection of family in member states of the European Union

Simona Maria Stănescu - *Research Institute for Quality of Life, Romanian Academy, Romania*

7. Neoliberalism and Romanian social work

Anca Mihai *University of Bucharest, Romania*

Florin Lazăr - *University of Bucharest, Romania*

Daniela Gaba - *University of Bucharest, Romania*

Alexandra Ciocănel - *University of Bucharest, Romania*

Georgiana-Cristina Rentea, *University of Bucharest, Romania*

Shari Munch - *School of Social Work, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, US*

8. Socio-Political Discharge in European Society: A Sociological Approach

Fabrizio Fornari - *University of Chieti-Pescara, Italy*

Deviance and social behaviour & Diversity and social justice

16.30-18.30

Room – *Council Room, ground floor*

Thursday, November 2nd

Chair: **Bogdan Voicu**

1. Social work with refugees – experiences and practices

Amara Renate Eckert - *Darmstadt University, Germany*

2. Assessing risk of re-offending in Romanian prisons

Anamaria Szabo - *De Montfort University, United Kingdom*

Bogdan Voicu - *Research Institute for Quality of Life, Romanian Academy, Romania*

3. Family Processes and Youth Delinquency: A Multi-Mediating Effects Approach of Child Psychological Health

Jerf W. K. Yeung - *City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong*

James S. L. Man - *City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong*

4. Young people on the move - care leave transitions in Germany

Juri Kilian - *University of Kassel, Germany*

5. Precarious employment and its impact on mental health: Findings from a doctoral study with racialized immigrant women in Southwestern Ontario, Canada

Elizabeth C. Watters - *Lyle S. Hallman Faculty of Social Work, Wilfrid Laurier University, Kitchener, Canada*

6. The Importance of Self-reflection in Social Work

Sorina Daniela Dumitrache - *Social Work Department, University of Bucharest, Romania*



7. Meeting the needs of individuals experiencing intellectual and developmental disabilities: an Alaskan model

Cătălin Ionete - *Bucharest Probation Service, Romania*

18.45-20.00 SNACKS, DRINKS & SOCIALISATION / NETWORKING

[Panduri 90 building premises/ ground floor / Social Club]

Friday, November 3rd

9.00-11.00 PAPER PRESENTATION *[parallel sessions]*

SESSION 2

Social work education Social work and social development		
<u>9.00-11.00</u>	Room <i>Amphitheatre 103, ground floor</i>	Friday, November 3 rd

Chair: **Florin Lazăr**

1. Training of professional insertion counsellors for people with mental health problems, results of the SPSM project in Romania

Mihaela Gavrilă-Ardelean - *'Aurel Vlaicu' University of Arad, Romania*

Gabriela Kelemen - *'Aurel Vlaicu' University of Arad, Romania*

Cătălin Nache – *AGAPSY, France*

Michel Plus - *Foundation 'Trajet', Switzerland*

Jean Michel Stassen - *'Article 23', Belgium*

Laurence Fond-Harmant - *Luxembourg Institute of Health, Luxembourg*

2. Critical thinking in social work education. A case study of knowledge practices.

Marcin Boryczko - *University of Gdansk*

3. Adaptability of the elderly, within the residential centre of the city of Arad

Alina Maria Breaz, Demeter Edgar - *'Aurel Vlaicu' University of Arad, Romania*

4. Social Inclusion Policies. Case study: Mapping of public and private social programs and projects in Dolj County

Andreea-Mihaela Niță - *University of Craiova, Romania*

5. Early Diagnosis of Delays in Child Development – research findings

Adrian-Nicolae Dan – *Department of Social Work, University of Bucharest, Romania*

Elena Ungureanu – *Romania*

6. Criteria for controlling risk factors that affect the social integration of institutionalized young people

Gabriel Pricină - *University of Craiova, Romania*

7. What should be done in working with beggars? Lessons from the past

Cristina Ilie-Goga - *University of Craiova, Romania*

8. Preventing and Combatting Racism and Xenophobia through Social Orientation of Non-Nationals

Smaranda Witec – *Department of Social Work, University of Bucharest, Romania*



Human rights and vulnerable groups		
9.00-11.00	Room – Council Room, ground floor	Friday, November 3 rd

Chair: **Theodora Ene**

- Teaching in a Fast-Changing World: Teacher Self-Reflection in Working with Youth at Risk**
H. Özden Bademci - *Maltepe University, Turkey*
- Integration of children with disabilities into public schools**
Irina Benedek - *HOSPICE "Casa Sperantei", Romania*
- What role for the social service in the public-private partnership interventions?**
Francesca Pia Scardigno - *University Gabriele d'Annunzio Chieti-Pescara, Italy*
- Social reintegration of imprisoned persons. Comparative study: Craiova and Sulmona**
Ionuț Virgil Șerban - *University of Craiova, Romania*
- Human mobility: immigration in Italy and in Europe**
Gianmarco Cifaldi - *University of Chieti-Pescara, Italy*
- Romanian Ombudsman - a mean to improve Social Work Practice**
Theodora Ene – *Department of Social Work, University of Bucharest, Romania*
- Working on Educational Values with Teachers for Prevention of Early School Leaving**
E. Figen Karadayi - *Maltepe University, Turkey*

Social work with children and youth		
9.00-11.00	Room 105, ground floor	Friday, November 3 rd

Chair: **Maria Roth**

- Bringing the Public Health Perspective on Violence Against Children – The need for a mixed approach on framing**
Valentina Marinescu - *Department of Sociology, University of Bucharest, Romania*
- Life satisfaction in Romanian youth: the effects of perceived economic status, self-esteem and quality of family and peer relationships**
Mihai-Bogdan Iovu - *Babeș-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca, Romania*
Maria Roth - *Babeș-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca, Romania*
Paul Hărăguș - *Babeș-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca, Romania*
- Special Guardians for Children in Care: Planning for Permanency in Uncertain Times**
Lucille Allain - *Department of Mental Health and Social Work, Middlesex University, UK*
Helen Hingley-Jones - *Department of Mental Health and Social Work, Middlesex University, UK*
- The Attitudes of University Students Towards Marriage**
Orhan KOCAK - *Istanbul University, Turkey*
Ali AYDIN - *Istanbul University, Turkey*
Serkan ETI - *Medipol University, Turkey*



5. Supporting resilience in vulnerable children and youth

Mihaela Cristina Parvu - *Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Craiova, Romania*

6. Child protection and emergency out-of-home placements. A comparison between Germany and Norway of service user participation in front line child protection work

Arve Lerum - *Institute of Social Work, Faculty of Social Science, University of Stavanger, Norway*

7. Personal and community resources for victims of domestic violence

Ana Maria Dumitrescu - *University of Pitesti, Romania*

11.00-11.30 COFFEE BREAK

11.30-13.00 PUBLIC LECTURE [*plenum, amphitheatre 103*]

Prof. Iain Ferguson, Ph.D., *University of West Scotland, UK*

“The 1930s in slow motion? Social work in an era of political polarisation”

13.00-14.00 LUNCH BREAK

13.00-14.00 POSTER PRESENTATION – MAIN HALL

POSTER PRESENTATION:

Diversity and social justice - student perspective

Karla Silić - *Department of Social Work, Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, Croatia*

The relationship between electronic violence, psychosocial functioning and self-disclosure of adolescents

Martina Podobnik - *Department of Social Work, Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, Croatia*

Improving the Protection and Wellbeing of Children in Europe: Enhancing the Curriculum

Paul Rigby, Angus Macdonald - *University of Stirling, Scotland*

14.00-15.30 PUBLIC LECTURE [*plenum, amphitheatre 103*]

Prof. Malcolm Payne, Ph.D., *St. Christopher's Hospice, London, UK*

“Citizenizing social work, social order and social turbulence”

15.30-16.00 COFFEE BREAK

16.00-18.00 PAPER PRESENTATION [*parallel sessions*]



SESSION 3

Social work practice and profession Social work with adults and the elderly		
16.00-18.00	Room Council Room, ground floor	Friday, November 3 rd

Chair: **Mirela Anghel**

- Social work contributions to recovery from disasters caused by flooding in Romania**
Anca Mihai - Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest, Romania
- The Usage of Social Media and Its Impact on Disabled People**
Orhan Kocak, Seyma Karakaya, Ibrahim Zilif - Istanbul University, Turkey
- Social implication of multidrug resistant tuberculosis in Romania**
Şoroagă Maria Larisa - ASPTMR, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest, Romania
- A “place for us” or “struggling alone”: do social workers feel the sense of community in their daily work?**
Diana Răduţ-Selişte - Department of Psychology, Communicational Sciences and Social Work, University of Piteşti, Romania
- Sexuality of elderly in Croatia- perspective of elderly and experts**
Martina Bošnjak, Silvia Rusac - Department of social work, Law Faculty Zagreb, Croatia
- Counseling disadvantaged families with delinquent minors**
Gabriela Povian, Patricia Runcan - School of Psychology and Sociology, West University of Timişoara, Romania
- Volunteering among young people**
Corina Iulia Voicu - Babeş-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca, Romania
Sergiu Lucian Raiu - Babeş-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca, Romania
- Mother-child Bonding to Prevent Child Abandonment: “The Magic Hour”**
Mirela Anghel - Department of Social Work, University of Bucharest, Romania

International Social Work		
16.00-18.00	Room Amphitheatre 103, ground floor	Friday, November 3 rd

Chair: **Mihai Bogdan Iovu**

- Redesign the making system**
Aniela Grignoli - University of Molise, Italy
- Empowered to graduate: Building the culture of participation in Roma youth, in Romania**
Maria Roth - Babeş-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca, Romania
Mihai Bogdan Iovu - Babeş-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca, Romania
Sergiu Raiu - Babeş-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca, Romania



Eszter Peter - *Babeş-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca, Romania*

3. The relationship between right and emotions

Davide Barba - *University of Molise, Italy*

4. The post-institutionalization failure of children in public placement centres

Adrian-Nicolae Dan – *Department of Social Work, University of Bucharest, Romania*

Vişinel Bălan – *Romanian Parliament, Uniunea Salvaţi Romania*

5. Globalization, nationalities and education

Mariateresa Gammone - *University of Aquila, Italy*

6. Mafia and organized crime in China

Francesco Sidoti - *University of Aquila, Italy*

7. The challenges of integration politics in multicultural societies: a conceptual framework

Simona Rodat - *Department of Social Work, Romanian Adventist Theological Institute, Romania*

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Malcolm Payne



Malcolm Payne is a writer, academic and consultant on social work, social care management and multi-professional teamwork. Currently Policy and Development Adviser at St Christopher's Hospice, London, he was previously Director of Psychosocial and Spiritual Care at the Hospice. He has held academic posts at the University of Bristol, UK, Manchester Metropolitan University, UK and Opole University, Poland. He has honorary appointments at the Department of Social Policy, Helsinki University, Finland and the School of Social Care Sciences, Kingston University, UK.

Specialties: Social work, social work theory, multiprofessional teamwork, palliative care, end-of-life care, older people.

Annamaria Campanini



Annamaria Campanini is Professor of Social Work at the University Milano Bicocca, Department of Sociology and Social Research. Prof. Campanini also holds the Presidency of IASSW for the period July 2016 to July 2020.

She is a member in the following organisations: Founding Member, European Association of Social Work Research (ESWRA), Founding Member, Association Forum Europe-China, Member of the Task Force ESCO (European Skills/Competence, Qualification and Occupations);

Past President, European Association of Schools of Social Work, Member and Past President, Italian Association of Teachers in Social Work (AIDOSS), Member of Editorial Board of International Social Work, Trabajo Social Global, Revista de Investigaciones en Intervención Social, Journal of Social Interventions: Theory and Practice; Social Work Review- Revista de Asistencia Social, Revista Universitaria Trabajo Social Universidad de Valparaíso Chile, Cuadernos de Trabajo Social, Azarbe. Revista Internacional de Trabajo y Bienestar Social, Italian Sociological Review

Educational Qualification/s: (Degrees): Ph.D. in Sociology, Theory and Methodology of Social Work (Trieste University), Degree in Sociology (Urbino University), Diploma in Social Work (Parma University)

Iain Ferguson



Iain Ferguson is Professor of Social Work and Social Policy at University of the West of Scotland, UK. Before moving into social work education in the early 1990s, he worked for fifteen years as a community worker and social worker in a range of different settings in the West of Scotland, including area teams, a group work project and a psychiatric hospital. During this time he also qualified as a practice teacher and a Mental Health Officer.

His main research interests are in the areas of mental health, managerialism in social work, international social work and also the radical social work tradition. He has published widely in these areas, notably *Reclaiming Social Work: Challenging Neoliberalism and Promoting Social Justice* (Sage, 2008) and *Radical Social Work in Practice* (with Rona Woodward) (Policy Press, 2009).

He is co-editor of *Critical and Radical Social Work: an International Journal*

He is a founder member of the Social Work Action Network and currently sit on the SWAN National Steering Committee.

WORKSHOPS

1. Workshop 1. Asistarea persoanelor LGBT susținut de Asist. univ. dr. Iuliana Elena Molnar (IN ROMANIAN)

DESCRIEREA WORKSHOPULUI:

În lucrul cu persoanele LGBT, este important să ținem cont de câteva aspecte specifice legate de formarea și asumarea identității sexuale/de gen, precum și de efectul stereotipurilor și al prejudecăților asupra demersului de autoacceptare. De aceea, în cadrul acestui workshop, vom explora modul în care mitologiile sociale și comunitare cu privire la sexualitate și rolurile de gen influențează procesul unic prin care fiecare individ se definește pe sine, atât la nivel individual, cât și în relație cu societatea în sens mai larg. Totodată, vom aborda și modalitățile prin care putem construi o relație profesională bazată pe empatie, încredere și acceptare cu persoanele LGBT asistate. Workshopul va avea un caracter interactiv, bazat pe o serie de exerciții experiențiale.

DESCRIEREA FACILITATORULUI:

Iuliana Elena Molnar este doctor în psihologie, asistent universitar în cadrul Facultății de Psihologie și Științele Educației, psihoterapeut specializat în Psihoterapia Experiențială a Unificării. A lucrat ca psiholog în cadrul Asociației ACCEPT și a susținut numeroase workshopuri pe teme legate de consilierea persoanelor LGBT. Autoare a cărții „Psihologia identității gay: provocări, impasuri și suport terapeutic”.

English version

Workshop 1: Assisting LGBT people

DETAILS OF WORKSHOP IN ENGLISH

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION:

In working with LGBT people, it is important to take into consideration few specific aspects regarding the development of sexual/gender identity, as well as the effect of stereotypes and prejudices over the self-acceptance process.

That is why, in this workshop, we will explore the way in which social and communitarian mythologies regarding sexuality and gender roles influence the unique process through which every individual defines himself, not only at an individual level, but also in relation to society. We will also approach the different ways that we can use to build a professional relationship with LGBT people, based on empathy, trust and acceptance. The workshop will have an interactive character, based on a series of experiential activities.

WORKSHOP COORDINATOR:

Ephrat Huss is a professor of social work at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel. She heads an innovative MA social work specialization that integrates arts in social work practice and theory. Her overall areas of research are the interface between arts and social work and using arts as a way for accessing the voices of marginalized populations such as the Bedouin indigenous people in the south of Israel, and as self-care for social workers. She is the author of two books published by Routledge and over fifty articles on the subject of arts in social work.

2. Workshop 2. "Când iubirea lasă răni - lucrul cu femeile victime ale violenței domestice" susținut de Adela Szentes și Mihaela Mangu (IN ROMANIAN)

DESCRIEREA WORKSHOPULUI

Oare de câte ori nu ai văzut oameni răniți la propriu, persoane (adesea femei) abuzate fizic chiar în fața ta și nu ai putut face nimic, deși zace poate în tine acel salvator de profesie? Ai încercat sau doar ai plecat cu un șir lung de întrebări? Poate ai căutat un răspuns referitor la ce ai fi putut face tu mai bine în situația respectivă sau ai reflectat asupra mecanismelor care generează și întrețin acest tip de violență ori te-ai gândit la natura relației celor doi protagoniști, victima și agresorul ei.

Despre legătura victimă-agresor, despre motivele care o determină pe femeia victimă a violenței intime să rămână în relația abuzivă, dar și despre serviciile specializate pe care le oferă Asociația ANAIS, vom discuta pe larg în cadrul acestui workshop.



DESCRIEREA FACILITATORILOR

Adela Szentes este psihoterapeut, expert în consilierea victimelor abuzului și violenței în familie, cu competențe în psihoterapie experiențială individuală a copiilor, adolescenților, adulților, cuplului și familiei; competențe în psihosexologie.

Mihaela Mangu este absolventă a Facultății de Sociologie și Asistență Socială – Universitatea din București, membru fondator al Asociației ANAIS și președinte al acesteia încă de la înființare (2011)

Asociația ANAIS oferă gratuit consiliere și îndrumare socială, consiliere juridică cu privire la drepturile victimelor violenței în familie, sprijin în redactare a documentelor juridice, formularea și pregătirea dosarului pentru emiterea ordinului de protecție, reprezentare în fața instanței de judecată în vederea obținerii unui ordin de protecție (pentru persoanele care se află în București) consiliere psihologică și psihoterapie pentru victimele violenței în familie (femei, bătrâni și copii), consiliere psihologică/psihoterapie pentru victimele abuzului sexual în care agresorul nu este partener, în cadrul Centrului pentru prevenirea și combaterea violenței în familie.

3. Workshop 3: "Casă și acasă. Celălalt. Ceilalți" susținut de Lect. univ. dr. Mihaela ȘCHIOPU (IN ROMANIAN)

DESCRIEREA WORKSHOPULUI

Unde, cum și cât de multe persoane sunt în spațiul nostru privat? Cum ne întâlnim? Cum ne recunoaștem? Cu cine semănăm? Cine e aproape? Pe cine păstrăm aproape?

La toate aceste întrebări ne vom răspunde în cadrul unui workshop experiențial, menit să ne aducă mai aproape de noi înșine și de nevoile noastre.

DESCRIEREA FACILITATORULUI

Lect. univ. dr. Mihaela ȘCHIOPU este psihoterapeut, MD în P.E.U. - Facultatea de Psihologie și Științele Educației, Universitatea din București, lector universitar doctor la Universitatea de Arhitectură și Urbanism „Ion Mincu”, București, catedra Studiul Formei; artist plastic. Competențe: artterapie cu persoanele infectate cu virusul HIV, cu bolnavi cronici și pacienți cu cancer, copii, adolescenți și adulți. Experiență în lucrul cu grupuri de dezvoltare personală prin arte expresive; artterapeut, asistent formator în consiliere - Institutul SPER.

DETAILS OF WORKSHOP IN ENGLISH WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION

Where, in what way and how many persons are there in our private space? How do we meet? How do we recognize? Who do we resemble? Who is close? Who do we keep close?

We will answer all these questions during an experiential workshop designed to bring us closer to ourselves and our needs.

ABOUT THE TRAINER

University Lecturer Mihaela ȘCHIOPU, PhD is a psychotherapist, MD in U.E.P. - Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences, University of Bucharest, PhD, University Lecturer at „Ion Mincu” Architecture University, Bucharest, the Form Studies Department; artist. Competences in arttherapy with people infected with the HIV virus, chronic patients and children, adolescents and adults with cancer. Professional experience in working with art expressive means in personal development groups, arttherapist and formative assistant in counseling - SPER Institute.

4. Workshop 4: Social work with refugees – experiences and practices susținut de Prof. Univ. Dr. Amara Renate ECKERT (IN ENGLISH)

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION

In the 90th, Germany was a place of asylum for 350.000 refugees from the former Yugoslavian countries. Since 2015 1,1 million asylum-seekers entered Germany. Social Policy, Social Work and the civil society had to react and developed several strategies to cope with that situation. In addition to the welcome-culture and the basic needs-care, integration of various nationalities is the present challenge.

This seminar will provide an overview on concepts, practice and experiences concerning Social Work with refugees in Germany. It will also provide personal experiences on working with refugees from Syria and professional experiences on teaching and supporting social work-students in their internship with refugee kids and families.



ABOUT THE TRAINER

Prof. Univ. Dr. Amara Renate ECKERT, PhD, Darmstadt University OF Applied Sciences, Social Work Department, Germany

Socio- and Psycho-pedagogue specialized in “dialogue and language in movement”. Abilities in: Gestalt therapy, NLP, body psychotherapy, therapy for children who suffered from a pre and peri-natal trauma. General guidelines for an advanced training: “Therapy of development through the awareness of senses (SET)” – game therapy– within the IBP Institute in Winterthur/CH. Since 1997, she has been a professor of the Darmstadt University, for the social care program, President of the Darmstadt University Senate

5. Workshop 5: ”The Importance of Teacher’s Self-Reflection in Creating a Trauma-Informed School Social work” susținut de Assist. Prof. H. Özden Bademci (IN ENGLISH)

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION

A trauma-informed approach in school social work practices requires interdisciplinary teamwork. Creating a trauma-informed school culture is an ongoing work, as there are constant changes in the system at a macro, meso- and micro level.

The school social worker could have a vital role to help schools create effective collaborative networks that open new possibilities for change that convey empathy and safety. In order to create a positive learning environment, students’ social and emotional learning should be supported but this cannot be achieved without addressing the needs of the teachers. The trauma-informed school social worker is well aware of the teachers' secondary trauma and burnout.

The relationship between learning/teaching and personal experience is quite complex and teacher self-reflection capacity plays an important part in that. This workshop derives from the idea that a better understanding of the nature of the emotional factors that enter into the process of learning and teaching is crucial to work towards a more fruitful relationship as this would help teachers to disentangle which of the feelings and consequent actions are driven by their own personal make-up and which are a result of particular dynamic created by a student (Waddel, 1999; Wilson, 2003; Youell, 2006; Zembylas, 2005).

In trauma-informed education practices, children feel safe and connected (Perry, 2016). Understanding the effects of adverse experiences in early years helps teachers to effectively address behavioural problems. Teachers are in a key position to notice signs of distress and difficulties that children have as they could provide professional insight. Making judgments about the students is not a straight forward and easy process. Children mainly show what is on their minds through their behaviour, attitude and by the way they relate to the others and to the teachers. In many cases, difficulties are not that obvious so that teachers have the need to share and think through their experiences with other staff (Wilson, 2003). Peer-supervision helps against the insecurity, anxiety and helplessness experienced by the teachers to improve service quality and the institutional culture to progress towards a cooperative professional community in control of their work environment (Bademci, Karadayı, Pur-Karabulut & Warfa, 2016). In this workshop, the attitudes and expectations that the teacher brings to the relationship and the relevance of observational methods in a school context will be explored together with the participants.

ABOUT THE TRAINER

Assist. Prof. H. Özden Bademci is the Director of Maltepe University Research and Application Centre for Street Children, Psychology Lecturer, Istanbul, Turkey.

6. Workshop 6: ”The possibilities and challenges of communication in social work (Posibilitățile și provocările comunicării în asistența socială)” susținut de Conf. univ. dr. Lucija VEJMEJKA și Lect. univ. dr. Mirela ANGHEL (IN ENGLISH)

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION

Communication is one of the most important topics when it comes to relationships. Education on communication skills should be lifelong learning goal for every professional.

Improving communication skills is crucial for social work profession. Some of the global trends and social circumstances are changing the way we communicate with others. Today we are witnessing rapid development of modern technology in all areas of everyday life, primarily in communication.



Interpersonal communication is changing, our self, our families, students and users are changing the patterns of communication. In our everyday life we expect quick response and information to address our needs and desires of the moment.

We communicate through numerous channels. Virtual communication is a universal and dominant form of communication used by all age groups and professions. Modern technologies can bridge the gap and bring the world to us and virtual environment is almost impossible to avoid.

In this moment we experience a paradigm shift in the way we communicate with others. The goal of this workshop is to explore our own communication patterns and reflect on the challenges of professional communication in social work in today's changing reality. Interactive workshop will be focused on the question of new demands of communication in professional and also virtual environment.

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EXHIBITIONS

Butterflies as a symbol of transformation, by *ANAIIS Association*

In March this year, along with the ladies from the support groups, we started to manufacture butterfly and heart shaped pillows. The shape of the pillows was not chosen randomly, each having a special symbolism.

Butterflies as a symbol of transformation. A transformation for which we looked beyond diagnosis, beyond the echoes of helplessness. We searched and built together, heart to heart, hoping for the better. Our hands joined together to carry forward the hope, the living flame of life and from suffering we created a spring, a piece of beauty, which we can give to everyone.

Hearts as a symbol of solidarity and encouragement, hearts with a story. The concept was developed by ABC Breast Care, starting from the need of a patient. Heart shaped pillows come in support of women who underwent mastectomy surgery interventions and represent an aid in the post-operative period and after. It is specially designed in the shape of a heart so it can be placed under the armpit without creating discomfort. Its role is to help them avoid the contact between the arm and the operated area and offer them a more comfortable position.

ANAIIS Association headquarters became a tailor shop where each team member worked side by side with the support group beneficiaries of the project "Beyond cancer diagnosis" to create these beautiful pillows. They were crafted painstakingly and with excitement for those who want to support our project and for women who have undergone mastectomy surgeries.

So far, we have participated with the crafted objects at two events, where we managed to offer in return for a donation approximately 150 pillows. With the money that we earned, we will go to the partner hospitals and will provide heart shaped pillows to the ladies who suffered mastectomy surgery. We want to be able to create many pillows and give them to the women who underwent mastectomy surgery!

ANAIIS is an association whose main purpose is to promote, respect and defend the rights of children, young people and women. The Association aims to act in order to change the policies and legislation for the benefit of children, by recognizing and focusing on the responsibilities and duties of parents, teachers and other authorities, also to prevent abandonment and family reintegration by offering support to children and families in need. We offer advice and support for parents and children (families at risk of abandoning their children, at risk of disintegrating families, single parents etc.), counseling and expertise in social, educational, child protection and health matters.

We are members of WAVE - an european network that fights against domestic violence and members of ENGAGE p the European Network of Gynecological Cancer Advocacy Groups, whose main objective is to support, inform and guide women that have been diagnosed with different forms of gynecological cancer. Through the partnerships with the Bucharest University Hospital and Colțea Hospital, we deliver informational materials mainly to women diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer.

ANAIIS Association is developing three major projects: - "Stop the domestic violence" - offering to victims of domestic violence free counseling and social guidance, legal advice on their rights and helping them to obtain an order of protection and counseling;

- "Yes, we can help you" - psychological counseling (support groups) for women diagnosed with breast cancer or cervical cancer;

- "Charitable and supportive actions" - for the people in need.

The actions carried out by ANAIIS Association aim to increase the quality of life, especially for women and children from disadvantaged families, to prevent social exclusion and support social acceptance.

<http://www.asociatia-anais.ro/>

Jewellery Exhibition, by *LouBijoux*

Loubijou jewellery are living history creations especially made for unique women capable of strong emotions and feelings. Natural pearls and crystals remind us of the earth strength and the eternity of time, natural leather and semiprecious metal create a permanent connection with nature. Loubijou jewellery purpose is to delight and to bring joy in women's lives.

We met Lucia at ALIAT. She is one of the most active, dynamic, joyful and friendly persons I've ever known. The jewellery she creates, mirror her energy and delicacy, a beautiful mixture of fragility and strength. Her line of jewellery represents more than a simple hobby and a way of earning a living, but it is her life story that stays behind her art, revealed her creativity and encourages her to move on every day.

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