



Social Work International Conference

(SWIC)

3rd Edition

"THE CHALLENGES OF GLOCAL SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION, PRACTICE AND RESEARCH"

NOVEMBER 8th -9th, 2018, BUCHAREST

Thursday, November 8th

9.00-11.00 PARALLEL WORKSHOPS

- *Dance Movement Psychotherapy in working with various populations, Dr. Jill Bunce, Derby University, UK (In English with translation to Romanian)*
– Room Council Room (Ground floor)
- *International Student Exchange as a Valuable Approach for Social Work Education, Practice and Research: A Model of Collaboration between Babes Bolyai University and Springfield College, Dr. Karen Clark Hoey, Springfield College, Massachusetts and Dr. Cristina Baciu, Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania (In English)*
– Room 105 (Ground floor)

11.00-11.15 BREAK

11.15-13.15 PARALLEL WORKSHOPS:

- *Community Based Participatory Research: A Research Approach Useful for Understanding the Global Challenges of Social Work, Dr. Elizabeth Lightfoot, University of Minnesota, USA (In English)*
– Room Council Room (Ground floor)
- *Dance (therapy) to connect – the art of communication through movement, Dr. Flavia Dorelia Cardas, University of Bucharest, Romania (In Romanian)*
– Room 105 (Ground floor)



13.15-13.45 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

COFFEE BREAK

EXHIBITIONS [open all conference long]

Painting Exhibition - About Angels. About Love, Beauty, Kindness by Simona Budică

Photo Exhibition - A Century of Social Work in Romania & Bucharest

General Directorate for Social Work of Bucharest Municipality

13.45- 14.45 THE OFFICIAL CONFERENCE OPENING CEREMONY [plenum, amphitheatre]

Prof. Marian Preda, Ph.D., President of the Senate, University of Bucharest

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

Ministry of Labor and Social Justice Representative

Prof. Darie Cristea, Ph.D., Vice-Dean, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest - TBC

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 the SWIC 2018

ARTISTIC MOMENT

14.45-15.45 PUBLIC LECTURE [plenum, amphitheatre 103]

Nino Žganec, Professor of Social Work

Head of the Social Work Department at the Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb

President of the European Association of Schools of Social Work

“Social Work Practice and Education Under Pressure - Neoliberal Traps and Professional Solutions”

15.45-16.00 COFFEE BREAK

16.00-17.00 PUBLIC LECTURE [plenum, amphitheatre 103]

Lars Uggerhøj, Professor of Social Work

Aalborg University, Denmark

Visiting Professor at University of Lincoln, UK.

“Participatory Practice Research. A Joint Basis to Meet Challenges in Social Work Practice, Education and Research?”



17.00-17.15 COFFEE BREAK

17.15-19.00 PAPER PRESENTATIONS [parallel sessions]

SESSION 1

Glocal Challenges of Social Work Education, Practice and Research

17.15-19.00	<i>Amphitheatre 103, ground floor</i>	Thursday, November 8 th
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Chair: *Anamaria Szabo*

1. Welfare state and work decommmodification in East and West: an overtime comparison

Mălina Voicu - *Research Institute for Quality of Life, Romanian Academy, Romania*
Adrian Dan - *University of Bucharest, Romania*

2. Challenges to Social Work Education in Bulgaria and Bachelor Program's Curriculum Development

Lydmila Vekova, Ognyan Koychev - *University of Plovdiv "Paisii Hilendarsky", Bulgaria*

3. Community caregivers in the field of HIV and Aids antiretroviral adherence: a suggested empowerment programme

Herman Strydom, Roslind Mokwele - *North-West University, Potchefstroom, South Africa*

4. Are there too many social assistance recipients in Romania?

Daniel Arpinte - *Research Institute for Quality of Life, Romania*

5. Social Work is a global responsibility: active research in the making

Jill Bunce - *Derby University, United Kingdom*

Glocal Challenges of Social Work Education, Practice and Research

17.15-19.00	<i>Council Room, ground floor</i>	Thursday, November 8 th
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Chair: *Mădălina Manea*

1. Exploring the need for a Parent Centered Planning approach for parents with disabilities

Elizabeth Lightfoot, Sharyn DeZelar - *University of Minnesota, USA*

2. The profile of social workers employed in town halls and their perception about the social work profession. An exploratory study in Brașov County

Codrina Csesznek, Marinela-Cristina Cimon - *Transilvania University of Brașov, Romania*



3. A commonality of norms: Recognising young people across an Ocean

Catherine Phillips - *Lakehead University, Canada*

4. Social needs and problems in rural area from Brasov County. Causes and solutions from the perspective of social workers

Diana-Cristina Bódi - *Transilvania University of Brașov, Romania*

5. Evidences from conducting biographical interviews. Main issues and answers from two different research projects

Ana Maria Preoteasa - *Research Institute for Quality of Life, Romanian Academy, Romania*

19.00-19.15 CLOSING SESSION FIRST DAY [plenum, amphitheatre]

19.15-20.00 CONFERENCE DINNER

Friday, November 9th

9.00-10.45 PAPER PRESENTATIONS [parallel sessions]

SESSION 2

Glocal Challenges of Social Work Education and Research		
9.00-10.45	<i>Amphitheatre 103, ground floor</i>	Friday, November 9 th

Chair: ***Mihai-Bogdan Iovu***

1. Self-perceived employability: a representation of future professional careers in Social Work field

Florina Demian - *Babeș-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca, Romania*

2. The prerequisites of a competences-based social work education in Romania

Emilia-Maria Sorescu - *University of Craiova, Romania*

3. Protecting our children in a dangerous, globalized world through innovative professional education and targeted education for young people

Jane Reeves - *University of Kent, United Kingdom*

4. Active aging: family norms and opportunity structure. A comparative approach

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

Sorin Cace - *Research Institute for Quality of Life, Romanian Academy, Romania*

Mădălină Manea - *Research Institute for Quality of Life, Romanian Academy / University of Bucharest, Romania*



5. The Effects of a Personal Development Course on Social Work Students

Sorina Daniela Dumitache - University of Bucharest, Romania
Florin Lazăr - University of Bucharest, Romania

Glocal Challenges of Social Work Practice

9.00-10.45	Council Room, ground floor	Friday, November 9 th
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Chair: *Elizabeth Lightfoot*

1. Exploring the Application of Restorative Justice Principles in Child Protection Work: The State of Vermont as Case Study

Anamaria Szabo - De Montfort University, United Kingdom

2. The implications of social constructionism in social work. Reconsidering the problems of vulnerable groups

Alexandra Galbin - Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania

3. The art of co-creation: working on deep and sustainable social change

Jos Pauwels - Artesis Plantijn Antwerp, Flanders, Belgium

4. Global solutions to local problems: international NGOs' interventions in reducing disasters in rural Romania

Anca Mihai – University of Bucharest, Romania

5. Professionals' attitudes to violence in residential care of children

Maria Roth - Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

Éva László Bodrogi - Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

Imola Antal - Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

Dávid-Kacsó Ágnes - Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

Dora Călian - Lawyer

Anca Mureșan - Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

10.45-11.00 COFFEE BREAK

11.00-12.00 PUBLIC LECTURE [plenum, amphitheatre 103]

Karen Lyons, Emeritus Professor at London Metropolitan University (UK)

“Transnational social work: connecting global and local issues”

12.00-13.30 LUNCH BREAK



12.00-13.30 POSTER PRESENTATIONS – MAIN HALL

Activism and its manifestations on the social work profession in Romania: a challenge or an opportunity?

Ionuț Cioarță - *University of Strathclyde, United Kingdom*

Social intervention and the integration of remigrant child and young people

Luminița Iosif - *Dunărea de Jos University of Galați, Romania*

13.30-15.30 PAPER PRESENTATIONS [parallel sessions]

SESSION 3

Glocal Challenges of Social Work Research and Practice		
13.30-15.30	<i>Amphitheatre 103, ground floor</i>	Friday, November 9 th

Chair: Herman Strydom

1. Challenges in doing MA research on social work in Poland - perspectives of international students

Agnieszka Naumiuk - *University of Warsaw, Poland*

2. The Effect of Perceived Social Support on Internet Addiction in University Students: A Sample from Turkey

Orhan Kocak, Merve Kaya, Yavuz Aslan, Osman Akay - *Istanbul University Cerrahpasa, Turkey*

3. Is obesity a social problem in Romania? Implications on social assistance

Cristina Siclovan - *National Health Insurance House, Department of Curative Programs, Romania*

4. Alcoholics' motivation to become sober and maintain their sobriety within Alcoholics Anonymous support groups

Adriana Lavinia Bulumac - *University of Bucharest, Romania*

5. Are the Social Work journals different? Positioning Social Work into Romanian publishing landscape

Bogdan Voicu - *Research Institute for Quality of Life, Romanian Academy, Romania*
Adrian Dan - *University of Bucharest, Romania*

6. Glocal challenges for the Romanian probation system

Cătălin Ionete - *University of Bucharest, Romania*



Glocal Challenges of Social Work Education and Practice

13.30-15.30

Council Room, ground floor

Friday, November 9th

Chair: **Emilia-Maria Sorescu**

1. Social Work Education in Bulgaria

Vesela Ivanova, Vaska Stancheva-Popkostadinova - *South-West University "Neofit Rilski" – Blagoevgrad*

2. Life after graduation: What do I do with a social work degree?

Mihai-Bogdan Iovu, Forina Demian – *Babeș-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca, Romania*

3. Development of Veterinary Social Work field in Romania: Education and Community-Oriented Programs

Alina Simona Rusu - *Babeș-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca, Romania*

4. Innovative aspects in the initial and continuous training of professional foster parents in Romania

Marinela - Carmen Grigore – *Universitatea Ovidius din Constanța, Romania*

5. Counselling Families with Autism Spectrum Disorder

Sandica Ion - *University of Bucharest, Romania*

15.30-15.45 COFFEE BREAK

15.45-17.45 PAPER PRESENTATIONS [parallel sessions]

SESSION 4

Glocal Challenges of Social Work Practice

15.45-17.45

Amphitheatre 103, ground floor

Friday, November 9th

Chair: **Bogdan Voicu**

1. Interactions in an extreme poverty context: an analysis of low- threshold services in a local context of Southern Italy

Maddalena Floriana Grassi - *University of Bari, Italy*

2. Building resilience of poor children from rural areas - Risk factors related with child's poverty and long-term effects on children's development

Darie Beatrice – *Al. I. Cuza University, Iași, Romania.*



3. The Philippine's War on Drugs: A Phenomenological Exploration of the Surviving Family members towards Recovery

Jowima Ang-Reyes - University of the Philippines, Diliman

4. Verbal and emotional bullying, effects and recommendations for minimizing the phenomenon

Sebastian Ruxandra, Olariu Florina, Rosu Mihaela – University of Bucharest, Romania

Glocal Challenges of Social Work Practice

15.45-17.45	<i>Council Room, ground floor</i>	Thursday, November 2 nd
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Chair: Mălina Voicu

1. Specialized intervention to protect victims of family violence

Rodica Gabriela Enache, Raluca Matei, Roxana Onea - Ovidius University Constanța, Romania

2. Counseling - an integral part of the social assistance practice

Gabriela Povian, Patricia Runcan - West University Timișoara, Romania

3. Creating positive habits in kids

Mihai Florin Anca - Babeș-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca, Romania

4. Inter-professional collaborations between social workers and international development professionals: Perceptions from practice

Daniela Gaba – University of Bucharest, Romania

17.45-18.00 CONFERENCE CLOSING SESSION [plenum, amphitheatre]



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Nino Žganec



Nino Žganec, Ph.D. is from Croatia where he finished his Social Work studies and obtained his PhD. Since 1991 he has worked at the Faculty of Social Work and currently he is Full Professor and Head of the Social Work Department at the Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb. His writings, research interests and practice are in community social work, human rights and organization of social services. He introduced several new social work subjects in the curriculum of the social work study as e.g. ethics in social work, social work and human rights and other. Since 2015 he is the president of the European Association of Schools of Social Work and vice president of the International Association of Schools of Social

Work. He was assistant minister and state secretary in the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare in the government of Republic of Croatia since 2000-2005. During his term in the office he initiated and led the reform of the Croatian social welfare system. He is the president of the Croatian Anti-Poverty Network and member of the Executive Committee of the European Anti-Poverty Network.

Lars Uggerhøj



Lars Uggerhøj is a Full Professor of Social Work at Aalborg University, Denmark. He is an educated and experienced social worker and holds a PhD in social work. His research focuses on the experiences from and involvement of service users as well as power relations and actor perspectives in social work. His research approach is practice research and he has since 2008 published several articles and book chapters about this issue – as well as trying out different practice research approaches. He has published widely nationally and internationally. He has headed the Danish MSc in Social Science in Social Work for nine years. He has for 6 years been the Danish coordinator of the international Erasmus Mundus Programme ‘Master in Advanced Development in Social Work’ and will coordinate the whole programme from 2019. He is the Danish coordinator of the ‘Nordic master in Social Work and welfare’- another international master programme in social work. He coordinates the ‘Practice Research and Service User Perspectives’ research network, the Nordic ‘Knowledge production in Social Work’ research network, the ‘Nordic/Baltic Doctoral Network in Social Work’ and is convenor of ‘The Special Interest Group in Practice Research’ in the European Social Work Research Association. He has been visiting professor at Boston University, USA, full visiting professor at Helsinki University, Finland and currently at University of Lincoln, UK.

Karen Lyons



Karen Lyons (PhD, CQSW) is an Emeritus Professor at London Metropolitan University (UK). Following experience in the field, she was a social work educator at University of East London where she developed award bearing courses in international social work. Her doctoral research (British social work education), together with experience in a European network, on the board of IASSW, and as the Editor of *International Social Work*, resulted in contributions to the development of social work education in a variety of countries in Europe and beyond. She continues to supervise and examine doctoral students and undertakes some writing and editing projects. Her most recent writing, on

international labour mobility and transnational social work, echoes and extends earlier research activity in relation to the UK professional workforce.