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Amphitheatre 201 – 2nd floor
EDIS 203 Room – 3rd floor

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Social Work International Conference (SWIC) 9th Edition

Social work in a shifting world: Responding to transforming realities and their ripple effects

October 29th – 31st, 2025, Bucharest

Wednesday, October 29th

14.00- 15.00 THE OFFICIAL CONFERENCE OPENING CEREMONY

[Plenum, Amphitheatre 201]

Chair:

Daniela Niță, Social Work Department, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work,
University of Bucharest

Speakers:

Marian Preda, Rector, University of Bucharest (tbc)

Liviu Chelcea, Dean, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest

Florin Lazăr, Vice-President, National College of Social Workers in Romania

Doru Buzducea, Head of Doctoral School of Social Work, University of Bucharest/ President
of ASSWR

Adrian Dan, Head of Social Work Department, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work,
University of Bucharest

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Chair: Professor Doru Buzducea

Master of Palliative Care for Social Workers

Adriana Căruntu, PhD student, Doctoral School of Social Work, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest

Disrupted Childhoods and Invisible Mothers: Social Work Responses to Adolescent Motherhood

Elena Mihaela Bujor, PhD Student, Doctoral School of Social Work, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest

Integrated Community-Centered Networks: A New Responsive Model for Social Work in Vulnerable Areas of Romania

Nicoleta Filip, PhD Student, Doctoral School of Social Work, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest

Temporary identity, permanent exclusion: a case study of temporary identity cards as a mechanism of production and reproduction of structural violence

Florin Păunescu, Social Worker and Program Coordinator, Asociația Carusel

The social implications of differential diagnosis of neurological disorders and the impact of social policies: analysis of multiple sclerosis and epilepsy

Aristica-Roxana Părăluță (Milică), PhD student, Doctoral School of Sociology, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest

Bridging Generations: Child Well-Being in an Ageing Society — Rethinking Intergenerational Support Systems

Andreea Memet, PhD student, Doctoral School of Social Work, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest

Romanian social workers and Localisation. Professional resilience during global crises

Adrian Cristian Titorencu, PhD student, Doctoral School of Social Work, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest

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Barriers and Facilitators in the Uptake of Assistive Technologies among Romanian Adults with Hearing Loss

Monica Florina Zdrite, PhD student, Doctoral School of Social Work, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest

Organizational Changes - Reorganizations within the General Directorates of Social Work and Child Protection - documentary analysis

Florina Corina Constantin (Căldăraru), PhD student, Doctoral School of Social Work, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest

Elderly Persons' Perception of Abuse and Violence in Home Care Services: A Comparative Analysis of Public and Private Providers

Nicoleta Mereș (Cojocaru), PhD student, Doctoral School of Social Work, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest

From Protection to Autonomy in a Changing World. Challenges and Best Practices in Social Work for Young People Leaving the Child Protection System

Angelica Bordei (Costea), PhD student, Doctoral School of Social Work, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest

Alcoholism and depression post-partum in context of child welfare

Denisa Majar, PhD student, Doctoral School of Social Work, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest

Mihai Benga, PhD student, Doctoral School of Social Work, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest

Between Vulnerability and Hope: The Role of Online Communities in the Coping Process of Women Turning to In Vitro Fertilization

Diana Geanovu, PhD student, Doctoral School of Social Work, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest

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Chair: Professor Corina Cace

Manele ca resursă de intervenție în asistența socială: de la subcultură stigmatizată la instrument de incluziune

Cristina Dumitran, National Penitentiary Administration, Romania

Engaged, Burned Out or Both? -The associations between job demands and reserouces and job-related well-being profiles among social workers

Laila Kolehmainen, University of Eastern Finland, Aini Pehkonen, University of Eastern Finland, Timo Toikko, University of Eastern Finland

The influence of parenting of criminal responsibility

Mariana Duciuc (Drăgotoiu), PhD student, Doctoral School of Social Work, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest

Child Guarantee: From Needs to Services Through the Eyes of Children in the Republic of Serbia

Saša Stefanović, PhD student, Department of Social Policy and Social Work, Faculty of Political Science, University of Belgrade

Teodora Hrnjaković Stefanović, PhD student, Department of Social Policy and Social Work, Faculty of Political Science, University of Belgrade

Psychosocial Well-being of Caregivers of Children with Intellectual Disabilities: A Social Work Intervention in India

Twinkal Sandhu, PhD student, Department of Social Work, Central University of Rajasthan

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Online

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Chair: Lecturer Corina Ilinca

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Community Level Resilience Factors in Kinship Care Families

Aiga Romāne-Meiere, MSW, PhD student, Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, University of Latvia

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Gerontological social work in Romania: a students' perspective

Gimbășanu Mihaela Veronica, Doctoral School of Social Work, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest

The process of radicalization among people convicted of violent extremism crimes - case management in the Romanian criminal execution system in digital era

Anastasia Neagu, PhD student, Probation Officer, Romanian Ministry of Justice-National Probation Directorate

Between Relief and Overload: AI-Supported Hardware in Educational Organizations – The Case of Smart Glasses in Higher Education

Nadine van der Meulen - OTH Regensburg

17.45-18.00 COFFEE BREAK

Poster Q&A

18:00-19:30

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Marijuana use and public perception in Romania: between stigma and social change

Diaconu Alexandra Veronica, Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences, Ovidius University of Constanța

Dănăilă Valentina, Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences, Ovidius University of Constanța

Participation and Empowerment in Open Child and Youth Work: Responding to Social Inequality through Inclusive Practice

Josef Kather, Department of Social Work and Health, Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences, Germany

Human-Centred AI in Social Work: Addressing Digital Inequality, Ethics and Inclusive Practice

Nadina Darie, National University of Science and Technology, Politehnica Bucharest, Pitești University Centre

Iulia Stănculescu, MA student, National University of Science and Technology Politehnica Bucharest, Pitești University Centre

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Predictors of Health and Quality of Life: A Multivariate Analysis in a Psychosocial Context

Rodica Laura Giurgiu, Ovidius University of Constanța

Seeing the invisible: public perceptions of homeless people in Romania

Mustafa (Isai) Maria Mihaela, Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences, Ovidius University of Constanța, Romania

Laura Rodica Giurgiu, Ovidius University of Constanța, Department of Social Work

Stanciu Florentin, Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences, Ovidius University of Constanța, Romania

Social work integration in Romania's schools (online)

Adelia Furdui (Florea), PhD student, Faculty of Sociology and Psychology, Department of Social Work, West University of Timișoara

Patricia Runcan, Associate Professor, Faculty of Sociology and Psychology, Department of Social Work, West University of Timișoara

Remus Runcan, Professor, Faculty of Educational Sciences, Psychology, and Social Work, "Aurel Vlaicu" University of Arad

Companion fatigue the emotional cost of caregiving

Savin (Tăme) Mihaela Andreea, Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences Ovidius, Social Work field

Zamfir Alexandra Cătălina, Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences Ovidius, Social Work field

18.00-19.30 **WORKSHOP FOR PhD STUDENTS** [All participants to the conference are welcomed; Council Room]

An Insider's Roadmap to Writing and Getting Published

This presentation will be interactive and aims to demystify the process of academic publishing, while recognising that it can often feel daunting and complex. Writing is an emotional act, and receiving feedback can be even more challenging.

The session will explain the publishing process step by step and emphasise that anyone who wants to be published is part of a global academic community striving for the same goal: advancing their careers while, most importantly, contributing to the dissemination of knowledge.

Richard Ingram, Professor, Chair of Social Work, Education and Society, School of Humanities, Social Sciences and Law, University of Dundee

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Understanding Disorders of the Self (Schizoid, Narcissistic, Borderline) - The Masterson Approach. Applications in Trauma-Informed Social Work

Candice Dumas, Trainer and clinical psychologist, Africa Candice Dumas: International Masterson Institute

Sorina Dumitrache, Lecturer, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest

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Exploring Social Spaces Through VR: Capturing Client Perspectives Across the Lifespan in Social Work (Workshop)

Philipp Pilcher, Hochschule Koblenz, Germany

Daniel Roos, Hochschule Koblenz, Germany

Workshop

9:00-10:30

EDIS 203 Room

Thursday, October 30th

Creating a transitional learning space: Peer-Led learning with social work students on community and voluntary sector placements in Northern Ireland

Denise MacDermott, Dr., NTF, Reader in Social Work, School of Applied Social and Policy Sciences, Ulster University, Northern Ireland

Caoimhe Harkin-MacDermott, Assistant Director Social Work Services, Bryson Care, Derry City, Northern Ireland

10.30-10.45 COFFEE BREAK

Workshop

10:45-12:45

Council Room

Thursday, October 30th

Cultivating a Culture of Self-Care in Social Work Practice

Alina Lazăr, CONCORDIA Academia

Bianca Matasariu, CONCORDIA Academia

Workshop

10:45-12:15

EDIS 203 Room

Thursday, October 30st

Emotion-focused skills training - How do social services in Norway teach parents to manage their relationship with their children?

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

Oana Călugaru, Romanian Academy, Research Institute for Quality of Life, Romania

Workshop

10:45-12:15

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Attachment Styles and Genogram with an approach in Social Work

Alexandra Dimofte, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest

Lavinia Bulumac, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest

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13.30-14.45 PUBLIC LECTURE [Plenum, Amphitheatre 201]

Social work and the shifting world: Big trees from little acorns grow

Siobhan Maclean, Social worker, Former Secretary of the International Federation of Social Workers, Fellow of the RSA

14.45-15.15 COFFEE BREAK

Session: Social work responses to inequalities, poverty, and systemic marginalization in times of change

15:15-17:00

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Thursday, October 30th

Chair: Alexandra Damaschin

Donations to social causes and the dynamics of social solidarity in times of crisis

Cristina-Elena Andone, MA student, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest

Creative mediation within administrative welfare systems: the embedded practices of social workers in Shanghai's public elderly care facilities

Xinyue Sun, Toyo University, Faculty of Design for Welfare Society, Japan

Elderly abuse in Romania

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

Simona Mihaiu, Romanian Academy, Research Institute for Quality of Life, Romania

Experiencing the complexity of domestic violence. Efficacy and the limitations of protection order

Alexandra Damaschin, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Department of Sociology, Social Work and Human Resources

Caring Together: Compassionate Communities for a Fragmented World

Alina Lazăr, CONCORDIA Academia

Elena Gaicu, CONCORDIA Academia

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Session: Social work supervision and practice

15:15-17:00

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Chair: Rebecca Davis

The influence of emotions on the professional activity of social workers. A qualitative approach

Nadia Maria Balaban, Department of Social Work, The West University of Timisoara

Supportive Supervision in Social Work: Advancing Quality & Self-Care

Rebecca Davis, School of Social Work, Rutgers, State University of New Jersey, USA

Calming the Nervous System: Mindfulness Tools for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Săndica Ion, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest

Behind the Scenes: The Power of Supervision in Social Work

Popa Mihaela, Faculty of Sociology and Social work, University of Bucharest

Nistor Gheorghita, Faculty of Sociology and Social work, University of Bucharest

Reflective Supervision as a Response to Shifting Realities in Social Work: A Literature Review

Doina Eliza Boldișteanu, Independent Social Work Practitioner, Romania

Session: Social work responses and solutions to current socio-economic changes (miscellaneous)

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Chair: Marcel Voia

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Reframing “Deviance” in Everyday Practice: A Micro-Toolkit for Social Workers (online)

Nicola Malizia, Kore University, Italy

The Impact of Climate-Induced Migration on Family Support Systems: Challenges and Adaptive Strategies for Social Work Practice (online)

Gianmarco Cifaldi, University of Chieti, Italy

Luigia Altieri, University of Chieti, Italy

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Examining the Role of Capacity Development in Building a Resilient Workforce in Humanitarian Organizations (online)

Julianne Licamele, UT Austin School of Social Work, USA

Absence of a Structured Policy as a Context for Shaping Parental Attitudes Toward Seeking Professional Mental Health Support in Pediatric Oncology (online)

Shevach Elbaz, M.S.W., Department of Social Work, Ariel University, Ariel, Israel

Miri Kestler-Peleg, PhD, Department of Social Work, Ariel University, Ariel, Israel

Maya Kagan, Professor, Department of Social Work, Ariel University, Ariel, Israel

Longitudinal relationships between subjective and objective cognition and dementia worry (online)

Corina Ilinca, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest

Nikki Hill, Ross and Carol Nese College of Nursing, Pennsylvania State University, USA

17.00-17.15 COFFEE BREAK

Session: **Child welfare, aging populations, and intergenerational support systems**

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Chair: Tatiana Casado

Evaluating the impact of an intergenerational program. Community engagement and policy implications

Daniel Arpinte, Romanian Academy, The Research Institute for Quality of Life, Romania

Child and juvenile delinquent protection, the role of social assistance in promoting reintegration and preventing juvenile crime

Mioara Lăcrămioara Paraschiv, Ovidius University of Constanța, Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences, Romania

Parental Emigration and Child Well-being: Evidence from Cuba and Challenges for Social Work

Elena Cuartero, University of the Balearic Islands, Spain

Tatiana Casado, University of the Balearic Islands, Spain

Ana Cañas, University of the Balearic Islands, Spain

Leidy León Veloz, University of Pinar del Río, Cuba

Child welfare, aging populations, and intergenerational support systems

Darie Nadina-Ionela, National University of Science and Technology Politehnica Bucharest, Pitesti University Centre

Opreescu Ioana-Cristina, MA student, National University of Science and Technology Politehnica Bucharest, Pitesti University Centre

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The Social G*R*A*C*E*S* Framework: A Critical Tool for Anti-Oppressive and Anti-Privilege Practice in Social Work Education

Oleksandr Kondrashov, Thompson Rivers University, Canada

Session: Social work education and practice

17:15-19:00

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Thursday, October 30th

Chairs: Einav Segev

Artificial Intelligence in social work practice and education: taking stock, keeping up and becoming partners

Richard Ingram, University of Dundee, Scotland, UK

"A breath of fresh air": mindfulness training for early-career mental health social workers in Israel during COVID-19

Einav Segev, School of Social Work, Sapir Academic College, Israel

"Therapists are sometimes leaking containers": social work students' professional identity formation in the shadow of war

Yael Hochman, Sapir Academic College, Israel

The Metaverse as a training environment for Social Work traineeship

Sergio Severino, University of Enna, Italy

Giada Cascino, University of Enna, Italy

Religious Beliefs and Their Influence on Political Ideology: Implications for Social Work Education

Thomas W. Starkey, Jr., Angelo State University, USA

Christopher M. Shar, Angelo State University, USA

Joel L. Carr, Angelo State University, USA

Kyrbi A. Davis, Angelo State University, USA

Courtney N. Shipp, Angelo State University, USA

Session: Aging, wellbeing and loneliness

17:15-19:00

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Thursday, October 30st

Chair: Adrian-Nicolae Dan

Loneliness in later life and its structural drivers. Evidence from an fsQCA analysis

Iuliana Precupețu, Romanian Academy, Research Institute for Quality of Life, Romania

Cosmina Pop, Romanian Academy, Research Institute for Quality of Life, Romania

Marja Aartsen, NOVA Norwegian Social Research, OsloMet – Oslo Metropolitan University, Oslo, Norway

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Romanian health and social workers difficulties in later life: results from the Study of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe

Corina Ilinca, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest

Adrian-Nicolae Dan, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest

Radu Dumitrescu, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest

Cohousing as a possible solution to the housing needs of elderly people: The role of the social worker in the Italian experiences

Annamaria Perino, University of Trento, Italy

The connection between well-being and social support or strain in later life: a relationship mediated by loneliness

Anca Mihai, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest

Corina Ilinca, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest

Norms, values, and perceptions regarding the acceptance of reproductive medicine

Inga Chistruga-Sîncevici, National Institute of Economic Research, Republic of Moldova

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Session: Social work ethics and professional resilience amid global crises

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Friday, October 31st

Chair: Jocelyn Hermoso

The Historical Development of Volunteering and its Influence on the Professionalization of Social Work in the Czech Republic in the 1990s

Nikola Štenclová, PhD student, Faculty of Social Studies, University of Ostrava, Czech Republic

Can the ICD-11 PTSD, Complex PTSD and the Subjective Perception of Trauma differentiate between different aspects of pain

Menachem Ben-Ezra, School of Social Work, Ariel University, Israel

Shir Mor-Ben-Ishai, School of Social Work, Ariel University, Israel

Yaira Hamama-Raz, School of Social Work, Ariel University, Israel

Elazar Leshem, School of Social Work, Ariel University, Israel

Yafit Levin, School of Social Work, Ariel University, Israel

Mental professionals' self-efficacy beliefs about working with clients with psychiatric disabilities in UAE

Ahmed Abubakar, The British University in Dubai, UAE

Eman Gaad, The British University in Dubai, UAE

Joelle Chamoun, Higher Colleges of Technology, Social Work, UAE

A Framework for Human Rights and Social Work Practice Addressing Extra-Judicial Killings: The Philippine Case

Jocelyn Hermoso, San Francisco State University, USA

Formal support: expectations and experience of parents raising children with severe or profound intellectual disabilities

Yael Karni-Visel, School of Social Work, Bar-Ilan University, Israel

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Chairs: Simona Stănescu

Moral Injury Among Social Workers in VUCA Medical Settings: A Systemic Perspective

Shir Daphna-Tekoah, Faculty of Social Work, Ashkelon Academic College, Ashkelon, Israel

Hagar Binoun-Chaki, Faculty of Social Work, Ashkelon Academic College, Ashkelon, Israel

Paula Feder-Bubis, Health Systems Department, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel

Lior Naamati-Schneider, Health Systems Department, Hadassah Academic College, Jerusalem, Israel

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Exploratory Research – Personal and Organizational Responsibility in the Delivery of Health Services: Breaking the Code of Silence / Moral Distress - An Open Discussion

George Miaoulis Jr., Fulbright Scholar in Public Health in Romania 2025-2026, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania

Social Workers as Agents of Peace: Ethics, Resilience, and Human Rights in Times of Global Crisis

Sharon Schneider, Deakin University, Australia

Living as an African migrant in Romania – between discrimination and microaggressions

Florin Lazăr, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest

Adriana Lavinia Bulumac, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest

Mihaela Popa, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest

Marian Ursan, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest

Perceptions of Ukrainian adolescent refugees in Romania

Simona Mihaiu, Romanian Academy, Research Institute for Quality of Life, Romania

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

Session: Social work responses to digital and AI advancement in social work practice and education

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Friday, October 31st

Chair: Oleksandr Kondrashov

Transforming Social Work: Opportunities and Challenges in the Era of Digital and AI Integration

Maresh Chougule, Faculty of Social Administration Thammasat University, Thailand

Integrating digital mental health platforms in school social work practice: innovations, challenges, and prospects in promoting students' psychosocial wellbeing

Abimbola Afolabi, University of Ibadan, Nigeria

Integrating Artificial Intelligence in Social Work Education and Practice: Present Realities, Future Directions, and Ethical Concerns

Yaser Snoubar, Social Sciences Department (Social Work Program), College of Arts and Sciences, Qatar University, Doha, Qatar

Social work in the age of artificial intelligence: ethical, educational, and practice imperatives

Ionuț Șerban, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Craiova, Romania

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Addressing Educational Barriers Through Innovative BSW On/Off Cohort Delivery: A Model for Serving Underrepresented Populations

Oleksandr Kondrashov, Thompson Rivers University, Canada

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11.00-12.15 **PUBLIC LECTURE** [Plenum, Amphitheatre 201]

Digital social work, AI and social exclusion: strategies to address digital vulnerability in a shifting world

Antonio López Peláez, Professor of Social Work and Social Services at the National University of Distance Education (UNED), Madrid, Spain

12.15-14.00 LUNCH BREAK

Session: **Social work responses and solutions to current socio-economic changes**

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Chair: Rebeca Cojocar

The Dependency of Unhoused People on Social Work Institutions in Timișoara

Armando Ionuț Șotor, Department of Social Work, The West University of Timișoara

Dănuț Sorin Bălăuță, Department of Social Work, The West University of Timișoara

From prosecution to prevention: Linking counselling in Romanian social work to national anti-drug efforts in a transforming society

Rebeca Cojocar, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest

The Social Work Placement Professional Competence Model

Denise MacDermott, Dr., NTF, Reader in Social Work, School of Applied Social and Policy Sciences, Ulster University, Northern Ireland

The lifestyle of individuals who have been convicted of drug use and trafficking

Rebeca Popescu, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest, National Directorate of Probation

Marian Valentin Năstase, Bucharest University of Economics Studies, National Directorate of Probation

On Multiple Cross-Addictions – The Next Level in Understanding and Addressing Addictions

Eugen Baican, Babeș-Bolyai University, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work

Alexandra-Andra Moldovan, PhD Candidate, Babeș-Bolyai University, Doctoral School of Sociology

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Educational communities and local welfare: the role of Italian social work in combating educational poverty

Francesca Pia Scardigno, University Aquila, Italy

Camillo Stefano Pasotti, University Chieti-Pescara, Italy

Patrizia Laurano, University Aquila, Italy

Human trafficking in Romania

Carmen Palaghia, Department of Sociology, Social Work and Human Resources, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi

Child protection on the sidelines, marginalized children

Andrea Rácz, ELTE, Budapest, Hungary

Integrating digital mental health platforms in school social work practice: innovations, challenges, and prospects in promoting students' psychosocial wellbeing

Abimbola Afolabi, University of Ibadan, Nigeria

The remodelling of classical parenting styles under the influence of social pressure online

Mihaela-Cristina Pârvu, Faculty of Social Sciences, Department of Sociology and Social Work, University of Craiova

Andreea-Mihaela Niță, Faculty of Social Sciences, Department of Sociology and Social Work, University of Craiova

Session: Exchanging experiences from direct practice with victims and perpetrators of domestic violence to enhance the impact of TACTICS project

Panel proposed by Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, Department of Public Health

14:00-15:45

EDIS 203 Room

Friday, October 31st

Chair: Cristina Faludi

Working with perpetrators. Insights from a validated programme implemented in a Romanian Penitentiary

Cristina Gheorghe, Cluj Probation Service, Romania

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Navigating Emotional Challenges in Social Work: Insights on Empathy, Compassion, Detachment, and Professional Support

Pașcu Florina, Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

Multi-Agency Collaboration to Address Domestic Violence at the level of Cluj county – Lessons learned from the TACTICS Project

Cristina Faludi, Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

Social services and healthcare as effective solutions in empowering victims of domestic violence to rebuild independence and break the cycle of abuse

Mureșanu Crina Marina, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest

15.45-16.00 COFFEE BREAK

Session: Social work responses and solutions to current socio-economic changes

16:00-17:45

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Chair: Gabriela Neagu

Middle Class Matters: The Role of Income and Education in Shaping Life Satisfaction in Poland and Romania

Gabriela Neagu, Research Institute for Quality of Life, Romanian Academy

Małgorzata Szczepaniak, Faculty of Economic Sciences and Management, Nicolaus Copernicus University in Poland

The Substantive Representation of Women's Interests in the Romanian Parliament

Elena Spiridon, Research Institute for Quality of Life, Romanian Academy

Women in Leadership Positions: Between Power, Career, and Family

Simona Rodat, IU International University of Applied Sciences, Germany and Adventus University, Romania

The case of teen moms - double standards in social work intervention

Mureșanu Crina Marina, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest

Romanian Welfare Policy Since 1989: Poverty Despite Growth

Mălina Voicu, United Arab Emirates University

Simona Stănescu, Romanian Academy, The Research Institute for Quality of Life, Romania

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Chair: Anca Mihai

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From crisis to coordination: designing and providing social services for Ukrainian refugees in Timișoara

Loredana Marcela Trancă, West University of Timișoara, Department of Social Work

David Lungu, West University of Timișoara, Department of Social Work

Suicide-informed practice: foundations for a national framework focused on the protection of vulnerable groups and professionals' resilience

Emilia-Maria Sorescu, University of Craiova, Faculty of Social Science

We feel pain: the lived experiences of children survivors of sexual violence

Domingo A. Salubre Jr., City College of Ormoc, The Philippines

Practices, challenges and opportunities of implementing urban safety net program, Case of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Shambel Walle Worke, Social Work Department, University of Gondar, Ethiopia

The Impact of Poverty on Social Equity

Anita Larisa Maris, PhD student, "Aurel Vlaicu" University of Arad

Mihaela Gavrilă-Ardelean, Professor, "Aurel Vlaicu" University of Arad, Interdisciplinary Doctoral School, European Institute Serge Moscovici

The intersection of global crises and social vulnerability: Social work responses for institutionalized older adults in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic

Aurelia Oana Pârvulescu, PhD student, "Aurel Vlaicu" University of Arad

Mihaela Gavrilă-Ardelean, Professor, "Aurel Vlaicu" University of Arad, Interdisciplinary Doctoral School, European Institute Serge Moscovici

17.45-18.00 CONFERENCE CLOSING SESSION [Plenum, 201 amphitheatre]

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Richard Ingram is Professor of Social Work in the Division of Education and Society at the University of Dundee. A qualified social worker, his professional background spans groupwork, child protection, youth work, and supporting adults with learning disabilities.

Since joining the University of Dundee as a lecturer in 2004, Richard has gained extensive experience in programme development, institutional partnerships, educational leadership, and internationalisation. His research focuses on emotional intelligence, relationship-based practice, professional development, student experience, and global social work.

Richard is currently Co-Editor-in-Chief of *Social Work Education: The International Journal* and serves on the executive committee of the European Association of Schools of Social Work (EASSW).



Antonio López Peláez is Professor of Social Work and Social Services at the National University of Distance Education (UNED), Madrid, Spain. Since 2020, he serves as executive director of the International Council on Social Welfare (www.icsw.org). His lines of research focus on digital social work, participation, group dynamics and social innovation. Co-editor of the Routledge International Handbook of Digital Social Work (2023) and the Routledge International Handbook of IA and Social Work (2026), he is director of the Chair in Social Innovation, Participation and Social Services (UNED – Ayuntamiento de Fuenlabrada – Asociación Estatal de Directoras y Gerentes de Servicios Sociales de España - AEDYGSS-), the first of its kind launched in the Spanish university system. In May 2025 he gave the Friedlander Lecture at Berkeley Social Welfare, UC Berkeley. He is a founding trustee of the Abracadabra Magos Solidarios Foundation, which organizes magical activities in children's hospitals in Spain.

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Siobhan Maclean has been a social worker for 35 years and became a practice educator in 1995. Siobhan has worked independently for a number of years. As an independent her work is varied but includes training, devising practice learning resources and consultancy work. Siobhan still very much enjoys working as a practice educator and currently works with a few students a year in an off site capacity.

In 2004 Siobhan was appointed to the position of Secretary of the International Federation of Social Workers, holding this position for eight years. She still maintains close international links and enjoys working to support practice educators in countries where social work education is in the early stages of development.

Siobhan has written widely, mostly around social work theory and critical reflection. She is committed to making the knowledge base accessible to busy practitioners and set up Kirwin Maclean Associates as an independent publishing organisation based on the values and ethics of social work.

Siobhan recently moved to Northern Ireland where she has enjoyed taking on the practice teacher role. Moving contexts and getting used to a different set of standards and paperwork has reminded Siobhan just what it feels like to be new to a role. Siobhan is a fellow of the RSA.

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