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COMMUNIQUE 1

Dear Sir or Madam,

Department of Social Work, Institute of Pedagogy,
Faculty of Education and Psychology of the Jan Kochanowski University in Kielce
is happy to invite you to join
the online
International Scientific Conference

titled
SOCIAL WORK IN THEORY AND PRACTICE
INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH

held on 26-27 October 2021



The domains of social support and social work have undergone numerous changes resulting from a dynamic transformation of the contemporary world and, above all else, the Sars-Cov-2 pandemic. We are currently witnessing the phenomena not seen before, which pertain to both social life and individual functioning, often experienced at the most personal level: anxiety, fear or loneliness. These issues are significantly refocusing the perspective of social expectations directed at institutions delivering assistance and support. It seems necessary, in this context, to reflect scientifically upon the condition of social work, the operation of welfare institutions, and the undertaking of non-institutional community activities. There is also a new dimension of concerns related to the profession of a social worker, e.g. the aims and methods of training, the difficulties of practising the profession, and the ethical dilemmas of social worker's activity. A debate should aim at seeking inspiring solutions to the questions that are already known, and should also bring to light new aspects of assistance and support for those in need. In this regard, a discourse between academics and practitioners remains indispensable.

A careful observation of the contemporary world reveals that the nature of certain social problems has changed, indifference to the plight of others has deepened, and expectations from aid institutions have intensified. From this perspective, they have become 'new' social problems that encompass multiple levels of social phenomena, referred to collectively as social work.

We kindly welcome you to share your reflections on social issues, social work and social welfare, viewed in the light of different theories explaining the mechanisms of social solidarity and its variations. We also find invaluable the experiences, observations and conclusions expressed by aid workers who interact with the social assistance reality on a daily basis. Without knowing the actual circumstances, limits and barriers of providing institutionalised assistance to people in need, and thus without knowing practical actions in this field, it is not possible to formulate either general or detailed conclusions, or to construct cognitive models. Combining theory and practice is the essence of solving social problems and the basis for taking socially effective actions.

We trust that our conference will attract your interest and become a forum for the exchange of information and experiences



The goals of the conference:

1. Academic discourse in scope of interdisciplinary social work contexts.
2. Reflecting on the determinants of successful implementation of social work practice.
3. Disseminating research findings on the theory and practice of support and assistance activities in order to improve the quality and outcomes of social work.
4. Reflecting on changes in different areas of life and social functioning in order to seek the reinforcement of the profession of a social worker.

We welcome a broad understanding of social work and related issues that will be addressed during the conference. We also suggest the following thematic areas:

- Welfare state and principles of its operation.
- Dilemmas of social economy - supply and demand of social work.
- Involvement of local authorities in social work.
- Social welfare institutions and their functions.
- “Third sector” - necessity or spontaneity in implementing pro-social values.
- Social campaigns as a method of influencing the attitudes of welfare institutions’ clients.
- Media-related, institutional and non-institutional boundaries of social work.
- Mediation and negotiation in social work.
- Pedagogical aspects of activities conducted within the framework of aid institutions.
- Psychological determinants of social support.
- Wellbeing - the goal or the value of social work.
- Internet (apps, social media) as a new challenge for social work.
- Professionalising social work - intuition or routine?
- Social work: therapy, isolation or learning in the age of pandemics.
- Socio-ecological aspects of social work.
- Social ecology and social work.



- Social work in times of pandemic - reflections on aid practice.

As part of the Conference, we intend to organise sections for students and representatives of scientific circles. We believe that the discussion which takes into account the findings of the Polish and foreign researchers, and welcomes the participation of practitioners, will help observe the changes taking place in the field of social welfare and social work in current circumstances. This will allow to develop recommendations for the strengthening of numerous areas of assistance and support activities. We hope that the conference will provide an opportunity to establish or intensify cooperation between Polish scientific centres, and reinforce contacts on an international scale. We welcome representatives of various disciplines, including sociology, pedagogy, psychology, social policy, gerontology, social economics and related sciences.

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