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ANNOUNCEMENT 1

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Department of Social Work, Institute of Pedagogy,
Faculty of Pedagogy and Psychology of the Jan Kochanowski University in Kielce
cordially invite you to participate
in the 3rd International Scientific Conference on:

**SOCIAL WORK IN THEORY AND PRACTICE.
INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH
on November 21-22, 2023**

3rd International Scientific Conference "Social work in theory and practice. "Interdisciplinary approach" will be devoted to scientific and practical considerations on the new, largely, the situation of social work and social assistance in Poland, as well in the European Union dimension. Phenomena appear in social space and related social problems that require recognition and diagnosis, and then development of adequate statutory and practical solutions.

This is probably the most serious challenge currently facing social policy and family, and therefore, the growing difficult demographic situation poses a threat to social work and social assistance. The population structure in Poland, as well as in most European Union countries, is changing drastically. The birth rate is decreasing, while the rates of older and middle-aged people are increasing. This has consequences in all areas of the public

sphere, education, health, employment, but above all in the field of social policy and activities and the family.

Another, no less absorbing phenomenon is war and labor migration, which is becoming increasingly larger and requires urgent solutions in various areas. The problems that arise here will probably require a redefinition of the essence and mission of social work, and especially an expansion of its area of activity. In particular, the need for cooperation between various state, non-governmental and other institutions in providing professional, well-recognized and organized help and support is becoming increasingly important.

Radical changes in social space, new phenomena and problems require a multitude of professional, educated employees in the field of social work, in interdisciplinary connection, especially with pedagogy, psychology and sociology. Their adequate professional preparation for current and new tasks will result in the need for changes in the education process at universities, as well as emphasizing the need for lifelong learning and professional development.

Considering the above statements, there is no doubt that a debate among scientists, practitioners, politicians, social and local government activists on the possibilities of and dimensions of aid activities in times of such difficult social challenges. Discussion in a broad, interdisciplinary approach, require issues related to current social problems and issues that affect the quality of functioning of individuals, social groups and entire societies. The organizers would like to express their hope that the conference being prepared, will bring a number of scientific and practical benefits.

Suggested program:

The conference lasts two days.

On the first day of the conference, there will be plenary lectures and presentations in moderated thematic sections. On the second day, in addition to presentations in individual sections, there will be also organized thematic workshops. A poster session is also planned:

We propose the following areas of scientific discourse on the issues of social work and social assistance.

- Theoretical foundations of social work as a discipline in the field of social sciences

- Traditional and contemporary ideas and concepts of social work from the perspective of their valuable coexistence in the practice of social action.
- Social action as a theoretical and analytical category of social work and its evolution in terms of social sciences: sociology of education, social pedagogy, social work, etc.
- Social policy and families as a statutory space for the directions of development of social work
- Interdisciplinarity of social work in the area of theory, empirical research and the process of education and professional development of social workers
- New social phenomena and problems and their consequences for the theory and practice of social work: demographic changes, ongoing population aging, declining birth rate, war refugees, economic immigrants, various types of social exclusion, cultural changes in lifestyles, etc.
- Practice in social work and social assistance in changing socio-cultural and economic realities
- Dilemmas of education and professional development of social workers in the face of new challenges. Modern professionalism of a social worker.
- Methodology of social work and social assistance as a subject of action research and other research.

Other topic areas to consider at the conference:

- European Union policy towards changes in the population structure in EU countries.
- International inspirations for aid activities.
- The activities of non-governmental organizations in creating aid activities.
- Challenges generated by demographic changes: fertility rate; seniors.
- The role of a social worker in integrating the activities of social institutions for the family and fertility.
- Equalizing educational and professional opportunities for people with special needs.
- Support for people at risk of social exclusion and marginalization
- Immigrants and war refugees as a new area of social activities in Poland
- Possibilities of supporting people experiencing mental health crises
- Volunteering as a form of help – individual and social dimensions.

The conference is addressed to representatives of many scientific disciplines, including: pedagogy, sociology, psychology, demography, social policy, gerontology and related sciences. The event is also addressed to students and PhD students, especially in fields such as social work, pedagogy, psychology, in order to deepen their knowledge and skills in the field of future professional and scientific work.

The conference will encourage reflection on emerging social challenges, problems that disorganize social life, the effectiveness of previous actions and the need to take further actions. It will also be an opportunity to establish or strengthen cooperation between Polish and foreign scientific, social and aid centers.

The fruit of the conference will be a scientific monograph, which will include the papers presented after their positive review.

Patronage over the Conference includes:

Prof. Ph.D., M.D. Stanisław Głuszek – JM Rector of the Jan Kochanowski University in Kielce

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Conference format:

The conference will be held at the Faculty of Pedagogy and Psychology of the Jan Kochanowska University in Kielce. The event will also be broadcast online. A photo and video report will be prepared from the conference.

Conference fees:

The conference fee includes active participation in conference proceedings, meals, conference materials, certificate of participation in the conference and publication and amounts to: PLN 250, and in the case of students and doctoral students participating in the event: PLN 200.

It is possible to publish another article or publish it without your participation in the conference: PLN 250.

Please make the payment with the note "**Conference no. KONF.2023.000018, Participant's name and surname**"

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We accept applications for the conference until **November 15, 2023** via the online form: <https://forms.office.com/e/yVaqsx89QB>

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