

NEWSLETTER of the EESRASSW

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(Chains of Migration, international conference, Ljubljana 2011)

Dear colleagues and friends!

This is the third Newsletter of the Eastern-European Sub-Regional Association of the IASSW and EASSW.

The EEsrASSW is growing every year since its establishment in 2008. Today we already have 14 schools of social work in the region involved and 65 members. We have so far memberships from 18 countries in the region.

WELCOME!

The IASSW has been deeply saddened by the magnitude and scale of natural disasters that have visited planet earth during the past 12 months – Haiti, Chile, Pakistan, Australia, Christchurch, Japan, Qinghai and Yunan Provinces in China, to name a few. The lives lost are irreplaceable. The property damage was extensive, and the rebuilding efforts needed to return communities to their former baselines substantial. In all cases, help from the international community was required to support and rebuild devastated communities and economies.

The latest of these disasters, is a multiple hazard one which hit Northeastern Japan on 11 March 2011. This combined an earthquake measuring 9.0 (raised from 8.9 on Friday) on the Richter scale, an ensuing tsunami that reached inland 10 kilometers, and explosions in nuclear reactors. These have been compounded by failures in the communication, transportation and power infrastructures, fires, and shortages of food and water in the heavily devastated areas. This scale of disaster is unprecedented in modern Japan, and despite being one of the best prepared, earthquake-proof nations in the world, the extent of human suffering and loss is beyond comprehension. IASSW salutes the resilience of the Japanese people and wishes them well in their reconstruction efforts that will take some time. Although the media stories focus on Japan as the country with the most serious consequences to deal with, IASSW is also aware that other countries have been affected by both the earthquake and the tsunami and these must not be forgotten either. Included in these are the people of Yunan Province in China where people died and property was destroyed by an earthquake with a magnitude of 5.8 on the Richter scale. Tsunami warnings were issued across nations bordering the Pacific Ocean, and this helped to reduce the death toll from this hazard and reflected lessons the world had learnt from the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami.

IASSW, as a community of social work educators is ready to support colleagues in Japan, China and other countries that need its help through its networks of educators and students as they attend to the needs of the disaster survivors. IASSW's emphasis is on supporting disaster survivors in those initiatives that they define as useful. IASSW established the Rebuilding People's Lives Network to help in long-term reconstruction and capacity building following the 2004 Tsunami, and later created a Disasters Intervention Committee and policy document to guide its subsequent efforts. Responses are driven by local colleagues in the areas affected. The responses have included IASSW's members donating money to the international relief effort, assisting in training those supporting disaster survivors, and developing a helpline for those simply wanting to talk about their ordeal. IASSW also works for the recognition of the human right to assistance (Article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights) and social and environmental justice in responding to those who are recovering from such disasters. These principles are crucial given that research has highlighted that disasters impact differently upon people, affecting disproportionately children, older people and various minority groups.

We live in an interdependent world, so our actions must mirror this reality. Having sustainable forms of development will benefit all of the world's population, and is an aim we must work to fulfil whenever there is an opportunity to reconstruct communities and change human behaviour. Much more can be done if we collaborate and support each other, with those in unaffected countries working sensitively and respectfully with those who have survived a disaster. On World Social Work Day, 15 March 2011, IASSW members across the world held a few moments of silence to honour those who lost their lives in recent disasters and celebrate the bravery, courage and other achievements of those who survived and those who are helping them to make their devastated world better. Let us move forward together in building a peaceful, sustainable world.

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INVITATION FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

Dear members of the EESRASSW!

We are kindly inviting you to send us all the information, calls for conferences and papers, notices on events, photographs, developments, or any other material that you would like to share with other members and users of our EESrASSW webpage. We would like to post your information in the News section of the page (www.eesrassw.net) and publish them in our Newsletter.

By this exchange of information we would like to foster cooperation, networking, development and mutual support.

Also, please share all the documents that the international public would benefit from: your articles, research reports, codes of ethics etc. – in any of the language they may exist! By this we can encourage referencing and enhance knowledge.

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IMPORTANT EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFERENCE CALLS

Next joint IASSW, ICSW, IFSW conference:

Social Work Social Development 2012: Action and Impact.

Stockholm will be the meeting point for policymakers, social workers, scholars and students to exchange experience and development in social work practice, social research and education and social policy to develop a sustainable welfare system for the future.

Please see: <http://www.swsd-stockholm-2012.org/>

GRANTS

IASSW Grants for Projects in Social Work Education 2011

IASSW invites proposals for projects, designed to advance social work education internationally. Grants of up to US \$4.000 are available for proposals that can be expected to contribute to the implementation of the IASSW Mission Statement, and to the enhancement of cooperation among schools of social work world-wide. Please see the IASSW website: www.iassw-aiets.org.

Next deadlines: **28 June 2011, 23 December 2011**

Applications, with cover form filled out, should be sent by e-mail to: the chair of the committee (darja.zavirsek@fsd.uni-lj.si), and a copy to the IASSW office (ssfisher@inet.polyu.edu.hk).

EASSW Grants for Projects in Social Work Education 2011

EASSW also invites proposals for projects, with grants up to €4.000. This is a continuous aspect of EASSW activities but the final submission dates for bids are 15 February and **15 September**.

Applications, with an application form filled out (see: www.eassw.org) should be sent to: mona.fransehn@socwork.gu.se.

RECENT CONFERENCES

From 10.-13-April 2001, ENSACT has in Brussels hosted a conference: **Social Action in Europe: Sustainable Social Development and Economic Challenges**. Abstracts of the presentations will be available at: www.ensact.org

During the conference, a new president of the EASSW has been elected. We congratulate Sue Lawrence and other elected officers and members, and express gratitude for serving to those, who have left their posts.

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CALLS FOR PAPERS AND INVITATIONS

JOURNAL SUBMISSIONS

Intersectionalities: A Global Journal of Social Work Analysis, Research, Polity, and Practice. Please look at the website: <http://journals.library.mun.ca/ojs/index.php/IJ/index>

Revista de Asistentă Socială (Social Work Review), University of Bucharest, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work: <http://www.socialworkreview.ro>

Social Policy and Social Work in Transition Journal, Kiev. Please send submissions to: T. Semigina, tv_sem@ukma.kiev.ua

LECTURES, SEMINARS

BRITISH AND EAST EUROPEAN PSYCHOLOGY GROUP invites you to: **Social Care and Social Psychology in east Europe**. Wednesday, MAY 18th 1.30-5.30 at the HRM Centre (room M215), University of Westminster Business School. Please see: <http://www.beeepg.org.uk>

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EVENTS IN THE REGION

Recent conference:

CHAINS OF MIGRATION: MIGRANTION AND IDENTITY IN THE POSTYUGOSLAV COUNTRIES

25.3. - 26.3. 2011, Faculty for Social Work, Ljubljana, Slovenia

The conference was organized as the final output of an international research and networking project: Challenging Identity Normativity, funded by the Austrian Science and Research Liaison Office Ljubljana (ASO). The conference will brought together researchers and academics from cooperating institutions from Austria, Macedonia, Kosovo and Slovenia, as well as invited academics from the international arena: Prof. Lena Dominelli (Durham University), Prof. Birgit Rommelspacher (Alice Salomon University), Prof. Darja Zaviršek (Univ. of Ljubljana), Prof. Katerina Kolozova (Euro Balkan Institute) and more. This international, inter-institutional, interdisciplinary (anthropological, sociological, social work) approaches will attempt to reach various audiences and reach high scientific as well as applicative (educational) impact.

For abstracts, papers and information, please visit: www.eesrassw.net/aso2011

EDUCATION:

INDOSOW - International Doctoral Studies in Social Work 2010/2011: the third INDOSOW SUMMER UNIVERSITY – INTENSIVE PROGRAMME is taking place in Ljubljana, 16-27 May 2011. Please see: www.indosow.net



PRESENTS THE THIRD SUMMER UNIVERSITY

»Doctoral studies in social work and social policy: teaching comparative perspective within an international context«

PROGRAMME:

17 May 2011

9.00: Prof. Sabine Hering, University of Siegen: Female and Male Marks in Welfare History. The Balance of State and Civil Society as Actors of Welfare Modernisation.

14.00: Prof. Mikko Mäntysaari, University of Jyväskylä: Pragmatic Politics in the History of Social Work

18 May 2011

9.00: Prof. Silvia Staub-Bernasconi, Director Centre for Postgradual Studies in Social Work Berlin: "The Theory of Democracy of Jane Addams according to her book "Democracy and Social Ethics" (1902) in comparison with Mario Bunge's "Political Philosophy" (2010) with a short look at Swiss democracy"

19 May 2011

9.00: Prof. Mirja Satka, University of Jyväskylä: The relevance of knowledge for social work practice.

14.00: Assist. Prof. Vesna Leskošek, University of Ljubljana: New Public Management in different states.

20 May, 2011

9.00: Prof. Vanja Branica, University of Zagreb: History Research in Social work: methodological issues and professional relevance

14.00: Maija Jappinen, University of Helsinki: Transnational Comparative Research: Context, Ethics, Dilemmas.

23. May, 2011

9.00: Introduction and moderation: Prof. Shula Ramon, Anglia Ruskin University: The underlying values and conceptual base of the strengths approach to social work and social policy

14.00: Prof. Shula Ramon and Prof. Roxana Anghel, Anglia Ruskin University: The methodological implications of the strengths approach: Involving service users as co-researchers in a comparative research as an example.

24 May, 2011

9.00: Prof. Roxana Anghel, Anglia Ruskin University: Why, when, and how should we opt for a qualitative evaluation?

11.30: Assist. prof. Mojca Urek, University of Ljubljana: Applying the narrative approach to social work evaluation

15.00: Prof. Shula Ramon, Anglia Ruskin University: An example of qualitative research of organisational change

25. May, 2011

9.00: Prof. Darja Zaviršek, University of Ljubljana: Intersectionality in social work and social policy: Europe in flux.

11.00: Assist. Prof. Jelka Zorn, University of Ljubljana: No border, no nation, stop deportation.

14.00: Prof. Christine Labonté-Roset, Alice Salomon Hochschule: Migration, and escape to Europe: Maghreb in turbulence.

26.May, 2011

9.00: Prof. Bettina Huenersdorf, Alice Salomon Hochschule: The Inclusion/Exclusion-debate and its relevance to social work.

27 May, 2011

9.00: Assoc. Prof. Bogdan Lešnik, University of Ljubljana: Hate Speech in Psychoanalytical Perspective.

14.00: Prof. Christine Labonté-Roset, Alice Salomon Hochschule: Poverty and Richness in Europe.

15:30 ASSIST. PROF. NINO RODE, University of Ljubljana: Final Evaluation

The intensive programme is cofinanced by:



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