Social Work International Conference (SWIC)

2nd Edition

"SOCIAL WORK RESPONSES TO THE NEW REALITIES OF A TURBULENT WORLD"

NOVEMBER 2nd -3rd, 2017, BUCHAREST

Thursday, November 2nd 2017

9.00-10.45 PARALLEL WORKSHOPS:

Social work with refugees – experiences and practices, Prof. Univ. Dr. Amara Renate ECKERT (in EN with RO translation), Darmstadt University, Germany

– Room Council Room (Ground floor)

• The Importance of Teacher’s Self-Reflection in Creating a Trauma-Informed Social Work School, Assist. Prof. H. Özed BADEMCI, Istanbul University, Turkye

– Room 105 (Ground floor)

• Când iubirea lasă râni - lucrul cu victimele violenței domestice, Asociația ANAIS, Bucharest, Romania (In Romanian language)

– Room Amf103 (Ground floor)

10.45-11.15 BREAK

11.15-13.00 PARALLEL WORKSHOPS:

• Asistarea persoanelor LGBT, Asist.univ.dr. Iuliana Elena MOLNAR, SPER Institute, Bucharest, Romania (In RO language)

– Room Council Room (Ground floor)

• Casă și acasă. Celălalt. Ceilalți. Lect.univ.dr. Mihaela ŞCHIOPU, University of Bucharest, Romania (In RO language)

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• The possibilities and challenges of communication in social work, Conf. univ.dr. Lucija VEJMELKA, University of Zagreb, Croatia & Lect.univ.dr. Mirela ANGHEL, University of Bucharest, Romania (in EN language)

– Room Amf. 103 (Ground floor)

13.00-14.00 RECEPTION AND REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

13.00-14.00 EXHIBITIONS [open all conference long]

• Butterflies as a symbol of transformation, by ANAIS Association

• Jewellery Exhibition, by LouBijoux

13.00-14.00 COFFEE BREAK
14.00-14.30 THE OFFICIAL CONFERENCE OPENING CEREMONY [plenum, amphitheatre]
Prof. Romiță Iucu, Ph.D., Vice-Rector, University of Bucharest
Prof. Doru Buzducea, Ph.D., Dean, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest
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 SWIC-UB 2017 Conference

ARTISTIC MOMENT!!!

14.30-16.00 PUBLIC LECTURE [plenum, amphitheatre 103]
Prof. Annamaria Campanini, President of International Association of Schools of Social Work
“The role of social workers in a changing world”

16.00-16.30 COFFEE BREAK

16.30-18.30 PAPER PRESENTATION [parallel sessions]
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Oana Mara Stan - Department of Sociology, University of Bucharest, Romania |
| 2. ‘Mothers Apart’: Following up participants and staff from the ‘Hummingbirds’ Initiative in London, UK  
Linda Bell - Middlesex University, UK  
Rachel Herring - Middlesex University, UK |
| 3. Development of Community Based Social Work with Multi-Cultural Communities in Albania  
Ingrid Jones - Partnerë për Fëmijët, Albania |
| 4. Social Intervention by Art and Culture  
Sandra Mendes - University of Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro, Portugal  
Sara Melo – Instituto Superior de Serviço Social do Porto, Portugal |
| 5. Understanding urban marginal communities of Bucharest  
Roxana-Andreea Marin – University of Bucharest, Romania |
| 6. Social protection of family in member states of the European Union  
Simona Maria Stănescu - Research Institute for Quality of Life, Romanian Academy, Romania |
7. The Importance of Self-reflection in Social Work  
   Sorina Daniela Dumitrache - Social Work Department, University of Bucharest, Romania

8. Neoliberalism and Romanian social work  
   Anca Mihai - Department of Social Work, University of Bucharest, Romania  
   Florin Lazăr - Department of Social Work, University of Bucharest, Romania  
   Daniela Gaba - Department of Social Work, University of Bucharest, Romania  
   Alexandra Ciocănel - Department of Social Work, University of Bucharest, Romania  
   Georgiana-Cristina Rentea - Department of Social Work, University of Bucharest, Romania  
   Shari Munch - School of Social Work, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, USA

9. Socio-Political Discharge in European Society: A Sociological Approach  
   Fabrizio Fornari - University of Chieti-Pescara, Italy

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Chair: *Bogdan Voicu*

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   Amara Renate Eckert - Darmstadt University, Germany

2. Assessing risk of re-offending in Romanian prisons  
   Anamaria Szabo - De Montfort University, United Kingdom  
   Bogdan Voicu - Research Institute for Quality of Life, Romanian Academy, Romania

   Jerf W. K. Yeung - City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong  
   James S. L. Man - City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

4. Young people on the move - care leave transitions in Germany  
   Juri Kilian - University of Kassel, Germany

5. Precarious employment and its impact on mental health: Findings from a doctoral study with racialized immigrant women in Southwestern Ontario, Canada  
   Elizabeth C. Watters - Lyle S. Hallman Faculty of Social Work, Wilfrid Laurier University, Kitchener, Canada

6. Meeting the needs of individuals experiencing intellectual and developmental disabilities: an Alaskan model  
   Cățălin Ionete - Bucharest Probation Service, Romania

7. Social reintegration of imprisoned persons. Comparative study: Craiova and Sulmona  
   Ionuț Virgil Șerban - Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Craiova, Romania

8. Romanian Ombudsman - a mean to improve Social Work Practice  
   Theodora Ene – Department of Social Work, University of Bucharest, Romania

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Chair: Florin Lazăr

1. Training of professional insertion counsellors for people with mental health problems, results of the SPSM project in Romania
   Mihaela Gavrilă-Ardelean - 'Aurel Vlaicu' University of Arad, Romania
   Gabriela Kelemen - 'Aurel Vlaicu' University of Arad, Romania
   Cătălin Nache – AGAPSY, France
   Michel Plus - Foundation 'Trajet', Switzerland
   Jean Michel Stassen - 'Article 23', Belgium
   Laurence Fond-Harmant - Luxembourg Institute of Health, Luxembourg

2. Critical thinking in social work education. A case study of knowledge practices.
   Marcin Boryczko - University of Gdansk

3. Adaptability of the elderly, within the residential centre of the city of Arad
   Alina Maria Breaz - 'Aurel Vlaicu' University of Arad, Romania
   Demeter Edgar - 'Aurel Vlaicu' University of Arad, Romania

4. Social Inclusion Policies. Case study: Mapping of public and private social programs and projects in Dolj County
   Andreea-Mihaela Niță - Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Craiova, Romania

5. Early Diagnosis of Delays in Child Development – research findings
   Adrian-Nicolae Dan – Department of Social Work, University of Bucharest, Romania
   Elena Ungureanu – Clinical Psychologist, Romania

6. Criteria for controlling risk factors that affect the social integration of institutionalized young people
   Gabriel Pricină – Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Craiova, Romania

7. What should be done in working with beggars? Lessons from the past
   Cristina Ilie-Goga - Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Craiova, Romania

8. Preventing and Combatting Racism and Xenophobia through Social Orientation of Non-Nationals
   Smaranda Witec – Department of Social Work, University of Bucharest, Romania

9. Human mobility: immigration in Italy and in Europe
   Gianmarco Cifaldi - University Gabriele d'Annunzio Chieti-Pescara, Italy

Social work with children and youth

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Chair: Maria Roth

1. Bringing the Public Health Perspective on Violence Against Children – The need for a mixed approach on framing
   Valentina Marinescu - Department of Sociology, University of Bucharest, Romania
2. Teaching in a Fast-Changing World: Teacher Self-Reflection in Working with Youth at Risk
   H. Özden Bademci - Maltepe University, Turkye

3. Life satisfaction in Romanian youth: the effects of perceived economic status, self-esteem and quality of family and peer relationships
   Mihai-Bogdan Iovu – Babeș-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca, Romania
   Maria Roth – Babeș-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca, Romania
   Paul Hărăguș – Babeș-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca, Romania

4. Special Guardians for Children in Care: Planning for Permanency in Uncertain Times
   Lucile Allain - Department of Mental Health and Social Work, Middlesex University, UK
   Helen Hingley-Jones - Department of Mental Health and Social Work, Middlesex University, UK

5. The Attitudes of University Students Towards Marriage
   Orhan KOCAK - Istanbul University, Turkye
   Ali AYDIN - Istanbul University, Turkye
   Serkan ETI - Medipol University, Turkye

6. Supporting resilience in vulnerable children and youth
   Mihaela Cristina Parvu - Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Craiova, Romania

7. Working on Educational Values with Teachers for Prevention of Early School Leaving
   E. Figen Karadayi - Maltepe University, Turkye

8. Child protection and emergency out-of-home placements. A comparison between Germany and Norway of service user participation in front line child protection work
   Arve Lerum - Institute of Social Work, Faculty of Social Science, University of Stavanger, Norway

9. Improving the Protection and Wellbeing of Children in Europe: Enhancing the Curriculum
   Sandra Engstrom, Paul Rigby, Angus Macdonald - University of Stirling, Scotland

11.00-11.30 COFFEE BREAK

11.30-13.00 PUBLIC LECTURE [plenum, amphitheatre 103]

Prof. Iain Ferguson, Ph.D., University of West Scotland, UK
“The 1930s in slow motion? Social work in an era of political polarisation”

13.00-14.00 LUNCH BREAK

13.00-14.00 POSTER PRESENTATION – MAIN HALL

POSTER PRESENTATION:

- Diversity and social justice - student perspective
  Karla Silić - Department of Social Work, Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, Croatia

- The relationship between electronic violence, psychosocial functioning and self-disclosure of adolescents
  Martina Podobnik - Department of Social Work, Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, Croatia
14.00-15.30 PUBLIC LECTURE [plenum, amphitheatre 103]

Prof. Malcolm Payne, Ph.D., St. Christopher’s Hospice, London, UK
“Citizening social work, social order and social turbulence”

15.30-16.00 COFFEE BREAK

16.00-18.00 PAPER PRESENTATION [parallel sessions]

SESSION 3
Social work practice and profession
Social work with adults and the elderly

16.00-18.00 Room Council Room, ground floor Friday, November 3rd

Chair: Mirela Anghel

1. Social work contributions to recovery from disasters caused by flooding in Romania
   Anca Mihai - Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest, Romania

2. The Usage of Social Media and Its Impact on Disabled People
   Orhan Kocak, Seyma Karakaya, Ibrahim Zilif - Istanbul University, Turkye

3. Social implication of multidrug resistant tuberculosis in Romania
   Șoroagă Maria Larisa- ASPTMR, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest, Romania

4. A “place for us” or “struggling alone”: do social workers feel the sense of community in their daily work?
   Diana Răduț-Seliște - Department of Psychology, Communicational Sciences and Social Work, University of Pitești, Romania

5. Sexuality of elderly in Croatia- perspective of elderly and experts
   Martina Bošnjak, Silvia Rusac - Department of social work, Law Faculty Zagreb, Croatia

6. Counseling disadvantaged families with delinquent minors
   Gabriela Povian, Patricia Runcan - School of Psychology and Sociology, West University of Timișoara, Romania

7. Volunteering among young people
   Corina Iulia Voicu - Babeș-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca, Romania
   Sergiu Lucian Raiu - Babeș-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca, Romania

8. Globalization, nationalities and education
   Mariateresa Gammone - University of Aquila, Italy

9. What role for the social service in the public-private partnership interventions?
   Francesca Pia Scardigno - University Gabriele d'Annunzio Chieti-Pescara, Italy
### International Social Work

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**Chair:** *Mihai Bogdan Iovu*

1. **Redesign the making system**  
   Aniela Grignoli - *University of Molise, Italy*

2. **Empowered to graduate: Building the culture of participation in Roma youth, in Romania**  
   Maria Roth - *Babeș-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca, Romania*  
   Mihai Bogdan Iovu - *Babeș-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca, Romania*  
   Sergiu Raiu - *Babeș-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca, Romania*  
   Eszter Peter - *Babeș-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca, Romania*

3. **The relationship between right and emotions**  
   Davide Barba - *University of Molise, Italy*

4. **The post-institutionalization failure of children in public placement centres**  
   Adrian-Nicolae Dan – *Department of Social Work, University of Bucharest, Romania*  
   Vișinel Bălan – *Romanian Parliament, Unionea Salvați România*

5. **Mother–child Bonding to Prevent Child Abandonment: “The Magic Hour”**  
   Mirela Anghel - *Department of Social Work, University of Bucharest, Romania*

6. **Mafia and organized crime in China**  
   Francesco Sidoti - *University of Aquila, Italy*

7. **The challenges of integration politics in multicultural societies: a conceptual framework**  
   Simona Rodat - *Department of Social Work, Romanian Adventist Theological Institute, Romania*

8. **Personal and community resources for victims of domestic violence**  
   Ana Maria Dumitrescu - *University of Pitești, Romania*

9. **Integration of children with disabilities into public schools**  
   Irina Benedek - *HOSPICE “Casa Sperantei”, Romania*
KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Malcolm Payne
Malcolm Payne is a writer, academic and consultant on social work, social care management and multi-professional teamwork. Currently Policy and Development Adviser at St Christopher’s Hospice, London, he was previously Director of Psychosocial and Spiritual Care at the Hospice. He has held academic posts at the University of Bristol, UK, Manchester Metropolitan University, UK and Opole University, Poland. He has honorary appointments at the Department of Social Policy, Helsinki University, Finland and the School of Social Care Sciences, Kingston University, UK. Specialties: Social work, social work theory, multiprofessional teamwork, palliative care, end-of-life care, older people.

Annamaria Campanini
Annamaria Campanini is Professor of Social Work at the University Milano Bicocca, Department of Sociology and Social Research. Prof. Campanini also holds the Presidency of IASSW for the period July 2016 to July 2020. She is a member in the following organisations: Founding Member, European Association of Social Work Research (ESWRA), Founding Member, Association Forum Europe-China, Member of the Task Force ESCO (European Skills/Competence, Qualification and Occupations); Past President, European Association of Schools of Social Work, Member and Past President, Italian Association of Teachers in Social Work (AIDOSS), Member of Editorial Board of International Social Work, Trabajo Social Global, Revista de Investigaciones en Intervencion Social, Journal of Social Interventions: Theory and Practice; Social Work Review- Revista de Asistencia Sociala, Revista Universitaria Trabajo Social Universidad de Valparaiso Chile, Cuadernos de Trabajo Social, Azarbe. Revista Internacional de Trabajo y Bienestar Social, Italian Sociological Review
Educational Qualification/s: (Degrees): Ph.D. in Sociology, Theory and Methodology of Social Work (Trieste University), Degree in Sociology (Urbino University), Diploma in Social Work (Parma University)

Iain Ferguson
Iain Ferguson is Professor of Social Work and Social Policy at University of the West of Scotland, UK. Before moving into social work education in the early 1990s, he worked for fifteen years as a community worker and social worker in a range of different settings in the West of Scotland, including area teams, a group work project and a psychiatric hospital. During this time he also qualified as a practice teacher and a Mental Health Officer.
His main research interests are in the areas of mental health, managerialism in social work, international social work and also the radical social work tradition. He has published widely in these areas, notably Reclaiming Social Work: Challenging Neoliberalism and Promoting Social Justice (Sage, 2008) and Radical Social Work in Practice (with Rona Woodward) (Policy Press, 2009).
He is co-editor of Critical and Radical Social Work: an International Journal.
He is a founder member of the Social Work Action Network and currently sit on the SWAN National Steering Committee.
Workshop 1. Asistarea persoanelor LGBT
Asist. univ. dr. Iuliana Elena Molnar (in Romanian language)

DESCRIEREA WORKSHOPULUI:
În lucrul cu persoanele LGBT, este important să ținem cont de câteva aspecte specifice legate de formarea și asumatia identității sexuale/de gen, precum și de efectul stereotipurilor și al prejudiciilor asupra demersului de autoacceptare. De aceea, în cadrul acestui workshop, vom explora modul în care mitologiile sociale și comunitar în privire la sexualitate și rolurile de gen influențează procesul unic prin care fiecare individ se definește pe sine, atât la nivel individual, cât și în relație cu societatea în sens mai larg. Totodată, vom aborda și modalitățile prin care putem construi o relație profesională bazată pe empatie, încredere și acceptare cu persoanele LGBT asistate. Workshopul va avea un caracter interactiv, bazat pe o serie de exerciții experiențiale.

DESCRIEREA FACILITATORULUI:
Iuliana Elena Molnar este doctor în psihologie, asistent universitar în cadrul Facultății de Psihologie și Științele Educației, psihoterapeut specializat în Psihoterapia Experiențială a Unificării. A lucrat ca psiholog în cadrul Asociației ACCEPT și a susținut numeroase workshopuri pe teme legate de consilierea persoanelor LGBT. Autoare a cărții „Psihologia identității gay: provocări, impasuri și suport terapeutic”.

Workshop 2. "Când iubirea lasă râni - lucru cu femeile victime ale violenței domestice"
Adela SZENTES și Mihaela MANGU (in Romanian language)

DESCRIEREA WORKSHOPULUI:
Oare de câte ori nu ai văzut oameni râniți la propria, persoane (adesea femeii) abuzate fizic chiar în fața ta și nu ai putut face nimic, deși zace poate în tine acel salvator de profesie? Ai încercat sau doar ai plecat cu un șir lung de întrebări? Poate ai căutat un răspuns referitor la ce ai fi putut face tu mai bine în situația respectivă sau ai reflectat asupra mecanismelor care generează și întrețin acest tip de violeță ori te-ai gândit la natura relației celor doi protagonisti, victima și agresorul ei? Despre legătura victimă-agresor, despre motivele care o determină pe femeia victimă a violenței întime să rămână în relația abuzivă, dar și despre serviciile specializate pe care le oferă Asociația ANAIS, vom discuta pe larg în cadrul acestui workshop.

DESCRIEREA FACILITATORILOR:
Workshop 3: ”Casă şi acasă, Celălalt, Ceilalţi”
Lect.univ.dr. Mihaela ŞCHIOPU (in Romanian language)

DESCRIEREA WORKSHOPULUI
Unde, cum şi cât de multe persoane sunt în spaţiul nostru privat? Cum ne întâlnim? Cum ne recunoaştem? Cine e aproape? Pe cine păstrăm aproape?
La toate aceste întrebări ne vom răspunde în cadrul unui workshop experienţial, menit să ne aducă mai aproape de noi însine şi de nevoile noastre.

DESCRIEREA FACILITATORULUI

English version Workshop 3: House and Home. Other. The Others.

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION
Where, in what way and how many persons are there in our private space? How do we meet? How do we recognize? Who do we resemble? Who is close? Who do we keep close?
We will answer all these questions during an experiential workshop designed to bring us closer to ourselves and our needs.

ABOUT THE TRAINER
University Lecturer Mihaela ŞCHIOPU, PhD is a psychotherapist, MD in U.E.P. - Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences, University of Bucharest, PhD, University Lecturer at „Ion Mincu” Architecture University, Bucharest, the Form Studies Department; artist. Competences in artherapy with people infected with the HIV virus, chronic patients and children, adolescents and adults with cancer. Professional experience in working with art expressive means in personal development groups, artherapist and formative assistant in counseling - SPER Institute.

Workshop 4: Social work with refugees – experiences and practices
Prof.Univ.Dr. Amara Renate ECKERT (in English language)

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION
In the 90th, Germany was a place of asylum for 350.000 refugees from the former Yugoslavian countries. Since 2015 1,1 million asylum-seekers entered Germany. Social Policy, Social Work and the civil society had to react and developed several strategies to cope with that situation. In addition to the welcome-culture and the basic needs-care, integration of various nationalities is the present challenge.
This seminar will provide an overview on concepts, practice and experiences concerning Social Work with refugees in Germany. It will also provide personal experiences on working with refugees from Syria and professional experiences on teaching and supporting social work-students in their internship with refugee kids and families.

ABOUT THE TRAINER
Prof. Univ. Dr. Amara Eckert, PhD, Darmstadt University OF Applied Sciences, Social Work Department, Germany Socio- and Psycho-pedagogue specialized in “dialogue and language in movement”. Abilities in: Gestalt therapy, NLP, body psychotherapy, therapy for children who suffered from a pre and peri-natal trauma. General guidelines for an advanced training: “Therapy of development through the awareness of senses (SET)” – game therapy– within the IBP Institute in Winterthur/CH. Since 1997, she has been a professor of the Darmstadt University, for the social care program, President of the Darmstadt University Senate.

Workshop 5: ”The Importance of Teacher’s Self-Reflection in Creating a Trauma-Informed School Social Work”
Assist. Prof. H. Özden Bademci (in English language)

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION
A trauma-informed approach in school social work practices requires interdisciplinary teamwork. Creating a trauma-informed school culture is an ongoing work, as there are constant changes in the system at a macro, meso- and micro level. The school social worker could have a vital role to help schools create effective collaborative networks that open new possibilities for change that convey empathy and safety. In order to create a positive learning environment, students’ social and
emotional learning should be supported but this cannot be achieved without addressing the needs of the teachers. The trauma-informed school social worker is well aware of the teachers' secondary trauma and burnout.

The relationship between learning/teaching and personal experience is quite complex and teacher self-reflection capacity plays an important part in that. This workshop derives from the idea that a better understanding of the nature of the emotional factors that enter into the process of learning and teaching is crucial to work towards a more fruitful relationship as this would help teachers to disentangle which of the feelings and consequent actions are driven by their own personal make-up and which are a result of particular dynamic created by a student (Waddel, 1999; Wilson, 2003; Youell, 2006; Zembylas, 2005).

In trauma-informed education practices, children feel safe and connected (Perry, 2016). Understanding the effects of adverse experiences in early years helps teachers to effectively address behavioural problems. Teachers are in a key position to notice signs of distress and difficulties that children have as they could provide professional insight. Making judgments about the students is not a straightforward and easy process. Children mainly show what is on their minds through their behaviour, attitude and by the way they relate to the others and to the teachers. In many cases, difficulties are not that obvious so that teachers have the need to share and think through their experiences with other staff (Wilson, 2003). Peer-supervision helps against the insecurity, anxiety and helplessness experienced by the teachers to improve service quality and the institutional culture to progress towards a cooperative professional community in control of their work environment (Bademci, Karadayı, Pur-Karabulut & Warfa, 2016). In this workshop, the attitudes and expectations that the teacher brings to the relationship and the relevance of observational methods in a school context will be explored together with the participants.

ABOUT THE TRAINER

Assist. Prof. H. Özden Bademci is the Director of Maltepe University Research and Application Centre for Street Children, Psychology Lecturer, Istanbul, Turkey.

**Workshop 6: "The possibilities and challenges of communication in social work (Posibilitățile și provocările comunicării în asistența socială)"
Conf. univ. dr. Lucija VEJMELKA & Lect. univ. dr. Mirela ANGHEL (in English language)

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION

Communication is one of the most important topics when it comes to relationships. Education on communication skills should be lifelong learning goal for every professional.

Improving communication skills is crucial for social work profession. Some of the global trends and social circumstances are changing the way we communicate with others. Today we are witnessing rapid development of modern technology in all areas of everyday life, primarily in communication.

Interpersonal communication is changing, our self, our families, students and users are changing the patterns of communication. In our everyday life we expect quick response and information to address our needs and desires of the moment.

We communicate through numerous channels. Virtual communication is a universal and dominant form of communication used by all age groups and professions. Modern technologies can bridge the gap and bring the world to us and virtual environment is almost impossible to avoid.

In this moment we experience a paradigm shift in the way we communicate with others. The goal of this workshop is to explore our own communication patterns and reflect on the challenges of professional communication in social work in today’s changing reality. Interactive workshop will be focused on the question of new demands of communication in professional and also virtual environment.

ABOUT THE TRAINERS

Lucija Vejemelka, PhD holds Assistant professor position at University of Zagreb, Faculty of Law, Department of Social Works. She works as Managing editor of Journal Ljetopis socijalnog rada (WOS and SOCPUS). Primary scientific interest are in the field of: use of modern technologies, professional communication in social work, child wellbeing, qualitative research methods, scientific publication in social work.

She has published several scientific and professional papers and participated actively in a number of national and international scientific conferences and international activities as teaching at international Universities and currently she participates in two COST actions granted by European commission. She leads research project on Problematic Internet Use and Modern technologies education for social workers.

Mirela Anghel, Ph.D. is a lecturer at the Faculty of Sociology and Social Work at the University of Bucharest. She has a BA in social work and English, MA in Anthropology and community development. Author of two books and several articles. She is an associate editor at the Social Work Review and Sociology and Social Work Review, California.
EXHIBITIONS

Butterflies as a symbol of transformation, by **ANAIS Association**

In March this year, along with the ladies from the support groups, we started to manufacture butterfly and heart shaped pillows. The shape of the pillows was not chosen randomly, each having a special symbolism.

Butterflies as a symbol of transformation. A transformation for which we looked beyond diagnosis, beyond the echoes of helplessness. We searched and built together, heart to heart, hoping for the better. Our hands joined together to carry forward the hope, the living flame of life and from suffering we created a spring, a piece of beauty, which we can give to everyone.

Hearts as a symbol of solidarity and encouragement, hearts with a story. The concept was developed by ABC Breast Care, starting from the need of a patient. Heart shaped pillows come in support of women who underwent mastectomy surgery interventions and represent an aid in the post-operative period and after. It is specially designed in the shape of a heart so it can be placed under the armpit without creating discomfort. Its role is to help them avoid the contact between the arm and the operated area and offer them a more comfortable position.

ANAIS Association headquarters became a tailor shop where each team member worked side by side with the support group beneficiaries of the project "Beyond cancer diagnosis" to create these beautiful pillows. They were crafted painstakingly and with excitement for those who want to support our project and for women who have undergone mastectomy surgeries.

So far, we have participated with the crafted objects at two events, where we managed to offer in return for a donation approximately 150 pillows. With the money that we earned, we will go to the partner hospitals and will provide heart shaped pillows to the ladies who suffered mastectomy surgery. We want to be able to create many pillows and give them to the women who underwent mastectomy surgery!

ANAIS is an association whose main purpose is to promote, respect and defend the rights of children, young people and women. The Association aims to act in order to change the policies and legislation for the benefit of children, by recognizing and focusing on the responsibilities and duties of parents, teachers and other authorities, also to prevent abandonment and family reintegration by offering support to children and families in need. We offer advice and support for parents and children (families at risk of abandoning their children, at risk of disintegrating families, single parents etc.), counseling and expertise in social, educational, child protection and health matters.

We are members of WAVE - an european network that fights against domestic violence and members of ENGAGE, the European Network of Gynecological Cancer Advocacy Groups, whose main objective is to support, inform and guide women that have been diagnosed with different forms of gynecological cancer. Through the partnerships with the Bucharest University Hospital and Colțea Hospital, we deliver informational materials mainly to women diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer.

ANAIS Association is developing three major projects: - “Stop the domestic violence” - offering to victims of domestic violence free counseling and social guidance, legal advice on their rights and helping them to obtain an order of protection and counseling;
- “Yes, we can help you” - psychological counseling (support groups) for women diagnosed with breast cancer or cervical cancer;
- “Charitable and supportive actions” - for the people in need.

The actions carried out by ANAIS Association aim to increase the quality of life, especially for women and children from disadvantaged families, to prevent social exclusion and support social acceptance.

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Jewellery Exhibition, by **LouBijoux**

Loubijou jewellery are living history creations especially made for unique women capable of strong emotions and feelings. Natural pearls and crystals remind us of the earth strength and the eternity of time, natural leather and semiprecious metal create a permanent connection with nature. Loubijou jewellery purpose is to delight and to bring joy in women’s lives.

We met Lucia at ALIAT. She is one of the most active, dynamic, joyful and friendly persons I’ve ever known. The jewellery she creates, mirror her energy and delicacy, a beautiful mixture of fragility and strength. Her line of jewellery represents more than a simple hobby and a way of earning a living, but it is her life story that stays behind her art, revealed her creativity and encourages her to move on every day.

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