

SWIC 2016

Envisioning Sustainable Social Work: Empowering Communities and Individuals

November 3rd-4th, 2016

Bucharest

Call for Abstracts

Organizers: *Department of Social Work, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest* in collaboration with the *Romanian Association of Schools of Social Work (ASSWR)*

Conference dates: November 3-4, 2016

Conference venue: Faculty of Sociology and Social Work (90 Paduri Street, Sector 5, Bucharest)

Conference languages: English

Conference website: www.swicub.com

The Social Work Department of the University of Bucharest is pleased to invite submissions for presentations at the Social Work International Conference (SWIC) 2016 to be held in Bucharest on November 3-4.

The conference theme, *Envisioning Sustainable Social Work: Empowering Communities and Individuals*, seeks to bring together educators, researchers, practitioners, and students from all areas of social science, who can envision a holistic approach to sustainability and its relevance to social work, social welfare and social policy. This holistic approach refers to extending the meaning and scope of sustainability so as to encompass the social, economic, political and environmental contextual factors which shape people's lives today and impact the lives of future generations. It is an approach in which the person-in-the-environment paradigm, which has originally underpinned the founding of the social work profession, and continues being the overarching conceptual framework in social work, is restored to its full potential.

Sustainability can only operate within a critical mind frame. Social workers have the potential to advance grassroots-inspired locally-sensitive critical standpoints to the many strains raised by globalization, unequal development, environmental degradation, human rights violations, increased armed conflicts and other global contemporary phenomena, which contribute, as a whole, to the perpetuation of unequal access to resources and to the widening of the gap between the rich and the poor. At the same time, sustainability goes hand-in-hand with empowerment. It is social work's mandate to empower communities and individuals to reach for and obtain the life they aspire and enjoy living, while fostering the greater good of future generations.

The goal of the 2016 Social Work International Conference (SWIC) is to contribute to building a knowledge-base that can reflect and support practice, research and theory that are grounded in the holistic approach to sustainability described above.

Submissions can be theoretical, empirical or practice based. Papers will be accepted from both experienced researchers/practitioners and undergraduate, master and PhD students.

We welcome scientifically sound and original contributions in the areas listed below:

1. Social work practice and profession
2. Human rights and vulnerable groups
3. Social work with children and youth
4. Social work with adults and the elderly
5. Social work with Roma families
6. Social work responses to domestic violence
7. Deviance and social behavior
8. Social work education
9. Diversity and social justice
10. International perspectives in social work
11. Social work and social development
12. Community social work
13. Miscellaneous

Key dates

Submission of abstracts: August 1st, 2016

Informing participants: September 5th, 2016

Registration Early-Bird: September 15th, 2016

Registration Regular: September 30th, 2016

Conference: November 3rd – 4th, 2016

Full-Text submission: February 1st, 2017

Publication of papers

All submissions to SWIC2016 must be in English (abstracts and full-texts). They will be evaluated through a peer-review process.

Accepted full-text papers will be published in a special number of the [The Social Work Review](#) (Revista de Asistență Socială).

Instructions for authors

Presentation types include individual or co-authored papers, poster presentations, and organized workshops. The papers will be selected based on criteria such as: compliance with the conference theme, relevance, actuality of the subject.

Registration

Registration is now open. To register please fill out the [Registration Form](#).

Abstract submissions should include the following:

Title of the presentation

Name and affiliation of the author(s)

3-5 key-words

The abstract body (300 words or less, maximum 3000 characters) should include:

- Background
- Purpose
- Methodology
- Results and/or practice implications
- General conclusion

All submissions are made through the [Registration Form](#), by **August 1st**, 2016.

Travel and Accommodation

Participants must cover and organize their own travel and accommodation costs and details. Organizers will not be able to reimburse travel and accommodation expenses. Applicants who need a visa to enter Romania will be provided with confirmation of registration papers.

Please address any enquiries about the conference to swicub@sas.unibuc.ro

The SWIC 2016 Organizing Committee looks forward to seeing you in Bucharest next fall!