Social Work International Conference (SWIC) 2019

The Place and Role of Social Work in the 2020s and Beyond

November 7th – 8th, 2019
Bucharest, Romania

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 7th – 8th, 2019
Conference venue: Faculty of Sociology and Social Work (90 Panduri 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 4th edition of the Social Work International Conference (SWIC) to be held in Bucharest between November 7th and 8th, 2019.

The conference invites social work researchers, educators and practitioners to reflect on social work’s role amid rapid societal changes: rising economic inequalities, demographic aging, increasing economic migration and its social effects, the rising number of displaced people, environmental degradation, the growth of technology, etc.

Looking at the recent developments in social work at the level of policy, practice, education and research, what has been social work’s level of success (or, on the contrary, lack of success) in responding to the global socio-economic challenges of present times? In this context, what is social work’s potential for future action toward social wellbeing? What changes must social work undergo to either accommodate or oppose the socio-economic trends of our times?

We welcome scientifically sound and original contributions from researchers, educators, practitioners, and students from social science in the areas listed below. Submissions can be empirical, theoretical or practice based. We accept submissions from both experienced researchers/practitioners and undergraduate, master and PhD students.
Focus areas:
The streams of the conference are divided based on the 3 main areas:

1. *The place and role of social work education in the 2020s and beyond*
2. *The place and role of social work practice in the 2020s and beyond*
3. *The place and role of social work research in the 2020s and beyond*

Key dates

**Submission of abstracts:** June 20th, 2019 – July 30th, 2019
**Informing participants:** August 10th, 2019
**Registration deadline:** September 20th, 2019
**Conference dates:** November 7th – 8th, 2019
**Full-Text submission:** February 1st, 2020

Publication of papers

All submissions to SWIC 2019 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*.

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 Abstract Submission Form.

Abstract submissions should include the following:

- Title of the presentation
- Name and affiliation of the author(s)
- 3-5 keywords
- The abstract body (300 words or less, maximum 3000 characters) should follow as much as possible the below structure:
  - Background/Context
  - Research objective
  - Methodology
  - Main results and/or implications for social work education, practice and/or research
  - General conclusion

All submissions are made through the Abstract Submission Form, by June 20th, 2019 – July 30th, 2019.
Travel and Accommodation

Participants must organize their own travel arrangements and cover the transportation and accommodation costs. 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 2019 Organizing Committee looks forward to seeing you in Bucharest this fall!