



Social Work International Conference

Social Work Diversity: A Dialogue Among Professions

Enriching solidarity in unruly times

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University of Bucharest, Online

Social Work International Conference (SWIC) 2021

Virtual Event

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Call for Abstracts

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

Conference dates: October 28th – 29th, 2021

Conference venue: Virtual

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 5th edition of the [Social Work International Conference \(SWIC\)](#) to be held **online** between **October 28th** and **29th, 2021**.

The crisis created by the COVID-19 pandemic has widened socio-economic gaps and led to increased vulnerability and marginalization of social groups, most of which were already traditionally/historically socially disadvantaged populations. In the context of increased economic and social polarization, generated by individualistic capitalism, in which solidarity seems to be rather intra-class than inter-class, it is necessary to rethink the paradigm of solidarity in "unruly times". Social work, through its diversity and capacity for dialogue with a multitude of other professions, can contribute to and decisively enrich the landscape of social solidarity in times of crisis. We invite social work researchers, educators and practitioners to reflect on social work's role as a catalyst of inter-professional dialogue and of the diversity of interests that are at stake during crisis such as the one imposed by the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic.

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 students.



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Focus areas

The streams of the conference are divided based on the 3 main areas:

1. Enriching solidarity in unruly times through social work education
2. Enriching solidarity in unruly times through social work research
3. Enriching solidarity in unruly times through social work practice

Key dates

Submission of abstracts: September 26th, 2021

Informing participants: October 6th, 2021

Registration deadline: October 20th, 2021

Conference dates: October 28th – 29th, 2021

Full-Text submission: January 23rd, 2020

Publication of papers

All submissions to SWIC 2021 must be in English (abstracts and/or full-texts). They will be evaluated through a peer-review process. Selected 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 *workshops*. The abstracts will be evaluated based on their relevance to the conference theme, methodological strength, relevance to social work and actuality of the topic.

Detailed information and links to the conference online platform will be sent to confirmed presenters before the start of the conference.

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 **September 26th, 2021**.

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

The SWIC 2021 Organizing Committee looks forward to welcoming you to the conference!