Crossroads in Social Work
Embracing Diversity

5 - 9 June 2017

University of Applied Sciences Upper Austria

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Group: International Days in Social Work 2017
**International Days**  
Crossroads in Social Work – Embracing Diversity

As people are becoming increasingly mobile in a globalized world, more and more individuals are finding themselves uprooted and thrown into a completely new environment, struggling to rebuild their existences many times over and to find consistency in the midst of the most radical changes. Globalization has ushered in an age of vastly increased diversity – for some, a spectre of limitless proportions...for others, a welcome chance to clearly recognize, beyond all differences, that which is essentially human. What can social work do to help people embrace their fellow human beings, to embrace the diversity of humankind?

The Department of Social Work and the International Office Linz are happy to welcome you for a 5-day programme of lectures, workshops and cultural activities – offering everyone chance to meet people from different countries and to look at Social Work from an international and intercultural perspective. In addition, we will visit social organisations active in a variety of different areas, such as child and family welfare, immigration or violence prevention.

We also hope that you will have some time to discover the beautiful city of Linz, the third largest city in Austria. Thank you for attending this event! We sincerely hope that you will enjoy it!
University of Applied Sciences Upper Austria (FH Upper Austria)

The University of Applied Sciences Upper Austria is the largest university of applied sciences in Austria and is an integral part of the tertiary education system. The organisation is defined by the requirements of regional employment and research needs. Four locations in Upper Austria’s central area offer innovative and interdisciplinary academic degrees, each with a different focus.

>> School of Informatics, Communications and Media - Hagenberg Campus
>> School of Medical Engineering and Applied Sciences - Linz Campus
>> School of Management - Steyr Campus
>> School of Engineering - Wels Campus

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School of Medical Engineering and Applied Social Sciences

The focus in Linz is health and social welfare. Our aim is to prepare students for the leadership positions of the future. Because our programmes are designed around a common theme, the synergy effects are obvious: more knowledge, and a multitude of partner organizations, such as the Austrian Red Cross, leading charities (Caritas, Diaconia, Hilfswerk), Upper Austria Regional Health Insurance, Austromed, MAZ, and numerous human services organizations.

All degree programmes combine comprehensive training with practice. The School of Applied Health and Social Sciences offers study programmes at undergraduate (bachelor’s) and graduate (master’s) level. The course of study for a degree in Social Work trains students to advise and counsel people in distress, and enables graduates to plan and organize the helping process. Medical Engineering combines medicine and medical device technology, and prepares students to bridge the gap between the two. Human Services Management focuses on the business skills graduates need to work in organizations in the social services field. The programme in Public Management combines business administration, accounting, controlling, business information...
# Programme

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Lectures and Workshops

Tuesday, 6 June 2017

Surinder Guru
University of Birmingham (UK)

Counter-terrorism in the UK
Since the 9/11 attacks on the Twin Towers in New York the world has seen a heightened response to terrorism. Almost global template of counter-terrorism responses have resulted with most of Europe, if not the rest of the world, now follow similar policies to counter terrorism – policies whose effectiveness remains untested. This thought provoking lecture is focussed on the counter-terrorism responses in the UK to reveal the effects of such measures on Muslim families and communities and question the effectiveness of these responses.

Room HS 2

Dirk Baier
Zurich University of Applied Sciences (Switzerland)

Political Extremism in Adolescence
Political extremism is a major social problem in Western Societies. In the presentation, three forms of political of extremism are discussed: right-wing extremism, left-wing extremism and islamic extremism. Important questions the presentation will deal with are: What are the characteristics of the different forms extremism? How prevalent are these forms in German speaking countries in adolescence? What are the influencing factors and what can be done to prevent extremism? By answering these questions a special emphasis is put on empirical, especially on quantitative youth studies.

Room HS 4

Christian Stark
FH Upper Austria

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Room HS 5

Michael Helmbrecht
Technische HS Nürnberg (Germany)

Right Wing Extremism and Right Wing Populism as Challenges for Social Work
Right Wing Extremism and Right Wing Populism are threatening the moral basis of democratic societies in Europe. What does that mean to Social Work? Which answers and counter strategies could Social Work develop to fight human rights hostile thinking and practice?

Room HS 4

Susan Rose
University of Wisconsin Milwaukee (USA)

Co-Occurring Disorders and Planning for Release
This lecture describes a study of 27 pregnant women in a large Midwestern jail in the US. These incarcerated pregnant women were given an initial substance use brief screen, and more than half (56%) scored positive, indicating a strong likelihood of hazardous or harmful substance use. The lecture will describe the demographic characteristics of these pregnant women, as well as their self-reported history of physical health, mental health, substance use treatment, household composition, and income before incarceration. The pre-natal care received by these women before and during incarceration is reported, as well as their post-release plans for living arrangements and assistance for the baby from the father and others.

Room HS 5

Wednesday, 7 June 2017

Olga Borodkina
Saint Petersburg State University (Russia)

Migration policy and social work with young migrants in Russia
In Russia the majority of migrants are labor migrants from Central Asian, Transcaucasian republics, and Ukraine. The incoming migration flows largely consist of young people, who are characterized by high mobility and adaptability, but at the same time, young migrants coming to Russia have a small volume of social, cultural and economic capital. They face the problems of social integration in the cultural, structural, interactional and identificational dimensions, and social work organizations should help to migrants to solve these problems. The results of research of project “Social risks of the international youth migration in contemporary Russia” supported by Russian Science Foundation (project Number 16-18-10092) will be presented.

Room HS 4

Thursday, 8 June 2017

Sari Kähkönen / Päivi Muranen
Lapland University of Applied Sciences (Finland)

Using Photography as communication and interaction in communities
Participatory and Empowering Photography as a way to communicate with oneself and other people: Short Introduction and Group Exercise.
Lectures and Workshops

Thursday, 8 June 2017

Jaap Bruijn
Hanse University of Applied Sciences (The Netherlands)

An introduction in New Business Models.
A model of globalization in sustainability for social work

Transition, globalization, and sustainability are linked to one another. Several sectors in our society are facing challenges that stem from the problem that they are not sustainable. Think about our energy supply, traffic, health care. The Dutch society is aging, old people have to participate longer and have to manage themselves.

Jaap Bruijn introduces in his workshop the concept of ‘New Business Models. Other than the name suspects, this is the opposite of neo liberalism, which is becoming more prominent in social work, and this is not based on the homo economicus.

Social workers have to work with ‘so-called ‘multiple value(s)’, which refers to organizing in and between organizations that generates social and ecological value, apart from economic value, using concepts of the new business models, and connecting the abovementioned themes to the field of social work.

Lacey Sloan
(Zayed University/United Arab Emirates)

Social Work in the Arab Gulf

Text

Liana Mkrtchyan
Yerevan State University (Armenia)

Social Work and Family Benefits System in Armenia

The Family Benefits Programme in Armenia has been implemented for more than 20 years with a view of supporting poor families. Given the considerable level of poverty in Armenia, it has gained visibility and delivered important results. However, the issue of improved targeting of family allowance program was always viewed as the challenge for social work. Measures taken towards this end have mostly focused on: (i) the revision of the family poverty assessment system using integrated household living conditions survey data; (ii) revision of the family allowance size and linking it with the level of family poverty, area of residence (close to the border, highly mountainous) and number of children in the family; (iii) improved administration; (iv) training of staff in the municipalities; and (v) awareness raising campaigns among households.

Friday, 9 June 2017

Christena Goyetche
Nova Scotia Community College (Canada)

Indigenous Education: Mi’kmaw Health and Wellness Program

This is an overview of a Social Services program developed by the Nova Scotia Community College in partnership with Mi’kmaw elders.

This presentation will be predicated by a brief overview of the history and current situation of Canada’s Indigenous people in order to provide context. Reference will be made to the Report on Truth and Reconciliation in the discussion of the development of the Mi’kmaw Health and Wellness Program and plans for future delivery. This lecture should be of interest to participants who may have an interest in developing social programs that draw on the incredible strength of indigenous knowledge.

Christian Stark
FH Upper Austria

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Charlotte Wekker
Hanse University of Applied Sciences (The Netherlands)

Familystrength @ Work

Are you curious about your family history and how it determines your functioning towards citizens with needs and colleagues?

Charlotte Wekker’s workshop is an opportunity to examine a few of your own family values and discover how they most of the time help you. We’ll discuss a few central questions. What are the most crucial values in your family? How do these values influence your professional attitude? A few handles to deal with people who are different than you are.

Lena

Social Work with Sex Workers

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Daraja

Social Work in Kenya

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Austria

systems, law, and public finance.
Austria is a small, beautiful country with a great cultural heritage and is located in the very heart of Europe. It is the home of Mozart, Freud, and “The Sound of Music.” Austria’s snowcapped mountains, crystal-clear lakes and rivers, historic cities – Vienna and Salzburg – make it one of the most beautiful places in the world.
The economy is very much export oriented and the standard of living is high. Our national language is German, but most people speak some English.

Area: 83,789 km²
Population: 8.36 million
Capital: Vienna
Climate: temperate; continental; cloudy, cold winters with frequent rain and some snow in the lowlands and snow in mountains; moderate summers with occasional showers

Highest mountain: Grossglockner, 3,798 m

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Upper Austria

Upper Austria is one of nine provinces in Austria, located in the northern part of the country, between Munich and Vienna, Prague and Salzburg. The region offers a highly-developed cultural life and urban infrastructure as well as a long history and breathtaking landscapes. Characterized by its diversity, Upper Austria includes the best that Austria has to offer: crystal-clear lakes, the rugged mountains of the Alps, thermal springs and virgin forests.

Historical highlights such as the oldest salt mine in the world in the UNESCO world heritage region of Hallstatt stand alongside ultra-modern attractions such as the Ars Electronica Center, the world-renowned museum of the future in Linz.

The imperial spa resort of Bad Ischl, once the summer retreat of the Habsburg emperors and Gmunden on Traunsee lake with its picturesque island castle Orth are world-famous treasures of the Salzkammergut region. With the romantic city of Steyr, which is over a thousand years old, and the city of Wels, which has Celtic origins and today is an internationally-known location for trade fairs, the region is a stage for modern culture and impressive events.

Upper Austria also has a great variety of food and drink to offer: culinary specialties and independently brewed beer make Upper Austria truly a tasty place to live and study!

Area: 11,982 km²
Population: 1.4 million
State capital: Linz
Most important rivers: Danube, Inn, Enns, Traun, Steyr
Largest lake: Attersee, 46.2 m²
Highest mountain: Dachstein, 2,995 m

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Linz

No other Austrian city has changed as dramatically as Linz has in recent decades. Linz is a modern urban centre with a flourishing economy, a city where the quality of life is exceptional. In 2009, a trip to Linz was especially rewarding because this city on the Danube was European Capital of Culture and it is indeed a special place.

Linz straddles the Danube and, with a population of 190,000, it is Austria’s third largest city. It links the Mühlviertel region, which ends at the Czech border in the north, with the rolling hills that become the Austrian Alps in the south.

The Linz Metropolitan Area is the hub of a thriving regional economy. Here, technology, industry and high sustainability standards are no contradiction: Linz is one of Austria’s most environmentally-friendly communities, with green spaces making up 60% of the city.

Cultural life in Linz is highly diverse, ranging from interactive art at the Ars Electronica Center to 19th- and 20th-century art at the Lentos Kunstmuseum, music at the Brucknerhaus, home of the world-famous Bruckner Orchestra, drama at the Landestheater, contemporary art at OK Offenes Kulturhaus Oberösterreich, and exhibits at the Oberösterreichische Landesmuseen (Upper Austria Museums). Here, culture also means history: astronomer Johannes Kepler, composer Anton Bruckner and poet Adalbert Stifter lived in Linz, and Mozart’s Linzer Symphony has immortalized the name of the town in which it was composed.

The best way to experience Linz is by strolling around town – across the Hauptplatz or through one of the narrow lanes and inner courtyards of the baroque Old Town below the Castle. A modernized railway climbs Pöstlingberg; at the top, you will be treated to panoramic views of the city, and on a good day, you can see all the way to the Alps. An outing on a Danube cruise ship is another unforgettable experience.

But culture and beautiful scenery aren’t all Linz has to offer. Landstraße is the main street of one of Austria’s best and busiest downtown shopping districts. Here, too, there are restaurants, pubs, and cafes for every taste. Students generally choose the city center, as well as to pubs and restaurants near the Johannes Kepler University. The areas around Hauptplatz, the castle and Landstrasse are especially popular. For spectacular views, try the restaurants on Pöstlingberg, Schloßcafe in the castle, or SkyGarden on the top of Passage shopping center.

www.linz.at/english/tourism/