

European Conference for Social Work Research

INVITATION

‘Transforming Welfare Policies and Practices: European Conference for Social Work and Social Care Research ’

20 – 22 March 2013, University of Jyväskylä, Jyväskylä, Finland

Welfare states are going through substantial processes of change all over the world. Retrenchment, privatization and outsourcing have characterized the development of the last two decades, transforming the institutional design of welfare policies and leading to reduced public responsibility over well-being of individuals and families. The changes have had considerable effects on professional practices as well as on everyday lives and social rights of citizens, bringing increased wealth, but also inequality, marginalization and poverty.

The main theme of the conference is transforming welfare policies, social work and social care practices with the aim to analyse both ongoing changes in welfare policies and their societal and human consequences on all levels in various parts of Europe and elsewhere.

Sub themes:

Social work in transition

Changing social citizenship and user participation

Transforming social care

Welfare policies and privatization

Child welfare, childhood, youth and family

Social work practice research

The third conference of a major annual series will bring together researchers and research users across Europe and internationally to exchange research ideas, findings, developments and applications. The conference series aspires to a high standard of research presentations and a significant role in shaping the development of social work. By drawing on a wide constituency the intention is to open up the potential for cross-cultural learning within and beyond Europe, and for developing the quality of social work research internationally.

In 2013 the keynote speakers include Björn Blom, Adrienne Chambon, Teppo Kröger, Tarja Pösö and Frank Wang. With international partners University of Jyväskylä wants as an organizer to welcome all the participators to join the conference and together develop new understandings of transformations in welfare policies and practices.



Warmly welcome!

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