

Call for Papers for the Summer School 2024**“Sustainable Global Social Work in Times of Crisis and Conflict”**

Time: Monday 3th – Friday 7th of June 2024

Location: Muttenz, University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland,
School of Social Work

Over the last decades, social work in conflict zones has been perceived largely as marginal to the profession and discipline and as confined to the Global South. However, climate change and the war in Ukraine have shifted this predominantly Western view towards a more comprehensive perspective on global relations and conditions. Whereas in the West social work has focused mostly on welfare and development, in many countries in the Global South it has concentrated on crises and conflicts. This includes attending to basic human needs, healthcare and trauma, and conflict mediation. This attention to such fundamental challenges is reflected partly in the global definition of social work formulated by the International Federation of Social Work (2014): «Social work is a practice-based profession and an academic discipline that promotes social change and development, social cohesion, and the empowerment of people.»

The global perspective in social work has been strengthened by the implementation of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which demand change at the global, national, local and individual levels. The SDGs were adopted by the United Nations (2022) in 2015 “as a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure that by 2030 all people enjoy peace and prosperity (...) Countries have committed to prioritize progress for those who're furthest behind. The SDGs are designed to end poverty, hunger, AIDS, and discrimination against women and girls.”

Given these developments, there is an increased need for social work professionals capable of undertaking both community work and case management for the benefit of those in need. Social work professionals have the skills and knowledge to contribute to sustainability and social innovation. Such professional capacity is much-needed in conflict-ridden and wartorn regions. Nevertheless, pressing questions need to be addressed: How can social work meet today's challenges and thus contribute to establishing peace and social welfare in times of conflict and to initiating fundamental change and social transformation.

The 2024 Summer School will address these questions from a global perspective by focusing on theoretical approaches to sustainable global social work as well as on selected empirical cases. Key questions are:

- How can we theoretically contribute to better understanding sustainable global social work?
- What are the origins and effects of war and crisis in different regions and how is social work affected in these situations?
- What capabilities do social work professionals need to work effectively and successfully in times of war and crisis?
- What visions and perspectives guide social workers and what ethical positions are relevant for social work practice in conflict zones?

Keynote Speakers

- Nuzha Allasad Alhuzail, PhD, Saphir Academic College, School of Social Work (Hof Ashkelon, Israel)
- Prof. Dr. Uwe Bittlingmayer, University of Education Freiburg (Germany)
- Dr. Poppy Masinga, The South African College of Applied Psychology, Social Work and Community Development (Johannesburg, South Africa) (requested)
- Dr. Neşe Şahin Taşğın, Maltepe University, Social Work Department (Istanbul, Türkiye)
- Prof. Dr. Diana Sahrai, University of Education Freiburg (Germany)
- Prof. Dr. Albert Scherr, Pädagogische Hochschule Freiburg (Germany)
- Rory Truell, International Federation of Social workers (IFSW) (requested)

Aim and statement for cooperation

The general aim of the Summer School 2024 is to start a collaborative and joint process of exchange on discussion on international level. All participants are invited to work out a presentation related to the key issues of the summer school for presentation and discussion. Beside presentations, posters, and discussions we would also invite and to stimulate you to work on innovative and creative ways for presentations which focus on the key questions, including film, art, literature, music etc. The proposal should focus on aspects of social justice and social work according to the key questions of the short description. International students (postgraduates, doctoral) and groups of students are invited to participate in the Summer School 2022 as well as early career and established researcher. You find a list of those researchers already participating under: <http://web.fhnw.ch/plattformen/hsa-summer-school>. The number of participants in the summer school is limited to 80. Please qualify your proposal according to the following categories:

- workshop proposal
- paper presentation
- poster presentation
- others: _____

The organizing committee will review the proposals and define key themes to work on during the summer school. For the participating students as early as possible we will open an online

forum for those submitted a proposal to exchange, discuss and prepare international perspectives to the key themes of the conference.

How to Apply

If you are interested in contributing to the summer school please send a short description (max. 300 words and 2 key questions) to both of the organizers. Please include the names of all contributors, the title, and the subject/topic of your planned activity.

Please also email a CV which include full name; Contact details (address and email); Qualifications; fields of work and interest (max. 5 lines, full sentences).

- Deadline for proposals March 1st , 2024
- Comments on the proposals March 15th , 2024

Distribution of the Call for Proposals

Please support us in distributing the CFP to colleagues and students.

For further information please contact the organizers:

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