

4. European Conference for Social Work Research

INVITATION

“Private troubles or public issues? Challenges for social work research”

15 – 17 April 2014, Free University of Bolzano, Italy

When the very idea of welfare state is undermined, researchers, scholars, practitioners in social work are challenged to connect their endeavors to the core of social work mission and the support of social solidarity. The conference offers a space to present, discuss, and promote studies and research approaches, aiming at qualifying social work practice as well as the public accountability of social work profession.

The annual conference aims to strengthen the scientific bases of social work: it provides an arena for researcher, practitioners, educators and policy makers to disseminate and discuss knowledge which is relevant to social work theory and practice and social policy. The scientific committee invites submission on the following themes:

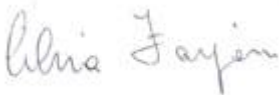
- 1) Knowledge production and public accountability in social work
- 2) Research in social work as participative learning process
- 3) Standing up to complexity – specific and universal issues in social work
- 4) Evidence and uncertainty – pathways to accountable social work research and practice
- 5) Social diversity: Promoting human rights and the role of research
- 6) Social work and political action: what has research to do with this?

The 4th conference of a major annual series, previously held at Oxford, Basel and Jyväskylä, will bring together researchers and research users across Europe and internationally to exchange research ideas, findings, developments and applications.

The keynote speakers include Professors Idit Weiss-Gal, Walter Lorenz, Ian Shaw and Edward Mullen.

The University of Bolzano and its international partners warmly welcome applications to participate in the 4th European Conference for Social Work Research.

Warmly welcome!



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