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A Special Interest Group on Immigration

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Title of the SIG:

It takes two to tango: Social work with immigrants and with the receiving population.

Brief description of scope and aims of the group:

The main task of the group will be in understanding the psychosocial processes related to immigration in the cross-cultural perspective and the role of social workers in helping immigrants and local people. The group participants may establish cooperation in conducting research on the relevant issues.

I would suggest the following topics for discussion:

1. Immigration policy and the issues of social justice.
2. Privileged and unprivileged immigrant groups.
3. Attitudes towards immigrants among privileged and unprivileged groups in the receiving society.
4. Transnational and returning migrants.
5. A dual role of social workers in preserving the rights of immigrants and of the local people.

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Any further relevant information you would wish to include:

I would be glad to hear suggestions regarding additional topics for discussion, as well as suggestions regarding the format of the group discussion (how the group's meetings during the conference should be organized).