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The International Social Work & Society Academy

Monday, 31 August 2026

09:00 – 10:00 **Registration**

10:00 – 10:30 **Opening of the TiSSA Plenum Conference** *Aula E*

Rudi Roose – Chair of The international Social Work and Society Academy

Anna Odrowaz-Coates – The Maria Grzegorzewska University (APS)

Ceremony Hans-Uwe Otto Social Work PhD Award

10:30 – 12:00 **Keynote Session**

Introduction to the conference theme – *Rudi Roose*

Ethnographic Perspectives on Consequences of Social Work – *Chantal Munsch*

Lunch Break

13:00 – 15:00 **6 Parallel Sessions**

Youth care logics

Aula E
Chair: Elisabeth Thomas

Postponed Praxis and Deferred Change? Professionals Imagining the Future of Residential Care - *Toon Benoot*

Flipping the script: Trans youths encounter with welfare professionals- *Filip Mujinovic & Rikke Wewer Jakobsen*

Normalisation: a critical discourse towards a social-pedagogical Dutch youth care - *Rogier Kattenberg*

'School Fit' as a Relational Achievement: Reconstructing Educational Responsibility in Residential Care - *Elisabeth Thomas*

Violence and Recognition

Aula D
Chair: Susanne Lang

Who's to Blame: Female and Male Rape Myths in Italy and Germany - *Nicol Ellecosta*

Moments of democratization in qualitative social research - *Frederike Weß*

"Hearing Us Changes the Story": Young Arab-Palestinian Women's Reflections on Research Findings on Childhood Abuse and Barriers to Service Use in Israel - *Shira Pagorek Eshel & Raghda Alnabilsy*

From Disclosure to Empowerment? Vireal-Digital and Performative Narratives on Childhood Sexual Violence - *Susanne Lang*

Social Pedagogy and Lifeworld Narratives

Room 4111
Chair: Anna Lena Rademaker

The Voice of the "Present Absentee": Reflective Research on Strategies of Resistance and Social Change Against Institutional Oppression in Academia - *Ibrahim Mahajne*

Transdisciplinarity and transformation in co-creative processes with children and youth – *Anna Lena Rademaker, Carlo Fabian, & Alexandra Engel*

Child protection

Room 4112
Chair: Sara Teresa Tornielli

Towards a new understanding of impact in child protection services - the struggle of municipal network cooperation in Germany - *Amy-Louise Buse*

"They keep doing what they know won't work": transforming the institutional residential placement logic in child welfare and protection - *Dries Cautreels*

The Mirage of Social Work Reform - A Documentary Analysis of the Structural Reorganizations of the General Directorate of Social Work and Child Protection of Sector 5, Bucharest - *Florina Corina Constantin*

Italian regional differences and child protection: how does the history of Italian reunification impact child protection today? - *Sara Teresa Tornielli*

Social Work, Social Pedagogy and Education

Room 4113
Chair: Katrin Naumann

Implementing antiracist competences in teacher training through action research - *Anna Aluffi Pentini*

School Attendance Problems as a Probationary Field for Professional School Social Work - *Lara Bokelmann*

The Necessity of School Social Workers in Educational Institutions in Thailand - *Madee Limsakul*

Making Collaboration Work: Coordinating Professional Learning Communities Across Disciplines in Higher Education. Lessons Learned from a Qualitative Group Interview Study - *Katrin Naumann & Markus Lohse*

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Room 4126

Social workers and social movements - theoretical and empirical advances – *Håvard Aaslund, Christian Kjeldsrup, Kathrin Schulze, Jessica Toft & Rudi Roose*

Coffee Break

15:30 – 17:30 **6 Parallel Sessions**

Child Protection, Power and Participation

Aula E
Chair: Ursula Leuthold

Power-critical perspectives in the analysis of categorisation practices in youth welfare services - *Pascal Bastian*

Context Counts: Improving the analysis of intersectional socio-economic contexts in Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews - *Anna Gupta*

Categories of epistemic agents building testimonial trust and distrust in relations between children, parents, and social workers in child protection - *Joni Lähde*

The right to participate in child protection: farce or voice - *Ursula Leuthold*

Critical Professional Education

Room Aula D
Chair: Steffen Geiger

Reimagining Group Supervision as a Transformative Space in Social Work Education - *Avital Kaye Tzadok*

Radical Social Work Pedagogy as Research Impact: A Reflexive Study of Teaching Human Rights and Social Movements in Social Work Education - *Konstantinos Kolovos*

The role of educating professionals in the helping professions in reducing the stigmatisation of gender-diverse individuals - *Kath Khangpiboon, Tereza Veselá & Karel Pavlica*

Defending Inclusion: Practices of Knowledge Production in Social Pedagogy and Education Research in Germany and the U.S. - *Steffen Geiger*

Professional Identity and Organisations

Room 4111
Chair: Susanne Vaudt

Social Change in Social Work Organisations: Empirical Findings on Leadership and Management Practices in the Face of (Sexualised) Violence - *Fabienne André, Sarah Henn & Fabian Kessl*

Preparedness for Professional Practice: Perspectives of Graduating Social Work Students - Georgiana *Cristina Rentea*

Social Work: A Blurred Concept. The Questionable Image of Social Work - *Daniela Cornelia Stix*

Self-care strategies in mixed-aged teams with young social workers: When is it too much, when too little? - *Susanne Vaudt*

Social Work, Social Pedagogy and Experiential Knowledge

Room 4112
Chair: Susanne Iris Bauer

User perspectives as knowledge production - a driving force to develop social work and social work research. How to make visions to reality and sustainable experiences - *Maja Andersen*

From Lived Experience to Pedagogical Transformation: Integrating Young Women's Knowledge into Social Work Education through Theatre-Based Practice - *Nour Shimei*

No 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle' without 'Redistribute, Recognize, Represent' - *Birgit Goris & Caro Bridts*

From Expertocracy to Shared Responsibility: How Experiential Knowledge Creates Transformative Impact - *Iris Bauer & Tatevik Mamajanyan*

Social Work, Social Pedagogy and Research Impact

Room 4113
Chair: Liesbeth Naessens

Conducting engaged research in the context of a cross-national project: Reflections on finding your own voice while still fulfilling project deliverables - *Bas Dikmans*

Reconfiguring Knowledge Production and Impact in Social Work Research and Pedagogy: The Merging of Knowledge Model - *Jordan Shaibe & Orna Shemer*

Researching for Social Change? Power, Trust and Positionality in Social Work Research - *Laura Wenzel, Vanessa Schwenker, Claire Woods & Philipp Sandermann*

Realist Evaluation in Reintegration: Exploring Opportunities in an Uphill Battle - *Liesbeth Naessens*

Social Work, Youth Care, and Politics of Change

Room 4126
Chair: Jana Katharina Bürger

Bridging the Gap? Post-Migrant Perspectives on Structural Inequities in Child and Youth Welfare - *Inga Selent*

Social Work as an Agent of Change in the Integration Pathways of Unaccompanied Foreign Minors (UFMs): A Critical Study of the Misalignment between Migratory Needs and the Structures of the Reception System - *Irene Dal Ben, Vincenzo Salerno and Ornella Vidoni*

Building trust in digital relationship within Child welfare Services - *Teresa Bertotti & Giulia Turrina*

What Counts as Independence? Family Responsibility, Support, and Recognition in Family Reunification - *Jana Katharina Bürger & Veronika Rosenberger*

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Tuesday, 1 September 2026

'National Day'

09:00 – 09:30 **Opening Session** *Aula C Korczak's Hall (**building C**)*

Anna Odrowaz-Coates – UNESCO Chair in Social Pedagogy, Head of Doctoral School

Anna Perkowska Klejman – Head of Discipline & Social Pedagogy Department

Joanna Madalinska-Michalak – University of Warsaw

09:30 – 10:30 **Keynote Sessions**

Directions of development and challenges of social work in Poland – *Ewa Grudziewska*

Early Diagnosis and Support for Children with ASD – *International Team Chaired by prof. Joanna Madalinska-Michalak, Dr Agnieszka-Siedler et al.*

Coffee Break

11:00 – 13:00 **5 Parallel Sessions**

Contemporary Polish Perspectives

Aula E
Chair: Ewa Kantowicz

Academic Teachers' Attitudes Toward State Higher Education Policy of Poland and Ukraine - *Roman Androszczuk*

The connection between the consideration of social problems by management and politics and the safeguarding of social cohesion in Poland and Germany - *Marta Czapnik-Jurak & Jörg Fischer*

Social pedagogy and social work in Poland- disciplinary and professional relations - *Ewa Kantowicz*

Contemporary Polish Perspectives

Aula D
Chair: Anna Odrowąż-Coates

The romanticisation of suffering and self-destruction in the emo subculture - an analysis of cultural discourses and narratives - *Zuzanna Chałubińska*

Who is Allowed to Narrate Inequality? Autosociobiography and the Conditions of Articulation - *Susanne Pawlewicz*

Learning to Feel "Not Enough": A Socio-Pedagogical Perspective on Low Self-Worth in Adult Life, with Implications for Social Work - *Anna Odrowąż-Coates*

Contemporary Polish Perspectives

Room 4111
Chair: Kamila Zdanowicz-Kucharczyk

Surname and the identity of women. The patrilinear tradition of taking a husband's family name at marriage and societal changes - *Joanna Pawłowska*

Who owns social change? Institutionalisation, norms and interpretive boundaries in the Living Library - *Aneta Szarfenberg*

The daily challenges faced by foster caregivers - *Kamila Zdanowicz-Kucharczyk*

Social Work, Social Pedagogy and Community Development

Room 4113
Chair: Elke Plovie

"That's It" - An experiment in the everyday welfare landscape of an underprivileged neighbourhood, viewed through a socio-spatial lens - *Matthias Blondia, Evelyne Deceur, Tineke Schiettecat & Griet Roets*

Community Development as a Socio-Spatial Practice: An Ethnography of Material, Cultural, and Political Embeddedness in a Dutch Neighbourhood - *Chantal van Lieshout*

Working the in between: grassroots connectors, institutional whiteness and researcher positionality in Amsterdam Southeast - *Kelly Matthijsen & Fariël Ben Abdelaziz*

"Civil society and accessibility of primary care: brokering and advocacy for people in situations of underprotection" - *Elke Plovie*

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Encroaching authoritarianism, shrinking civic space and social work resistance – *Pascal Debruyne, Bart Van Bouchaute, & Jan Naert*

Lunch Break

14:00 – 16:00 **6 Parallel Sessions**

War, Conflict and Belonging

Aula E
Chair: Zurab Tatanashvili

Teaching Social Work in Times of War: From Neutrality to Moral and Pedagogical Responsibility - *Nuzha Allassad Alhuzail*

Identity Crisis, Coping Strategies, and Help-Seeking among Arab-Palestinian Adults in Israel Following the 7 October War - *Raghda Alnabilsy*

Wartime Workplace Integration Experiences of Newly Qualified Social Workers - *Yael Hochman & Einav Segev*

Contextual Drivers of Rights-Based Social Service Development for Older Adults in Georgia - *Zurab Tatanashvili*

Narratives of Harm in Youth Care

Aula D
Chair: Lore Dewanckel

Making Violence Tellable: Narratives of Harm in Child and Youth Care - *Anna Hamer*

Police contacts in residential youth care: Methodological and research-ethical reflections - *Moana Kahrmann & Tilman Lutz*

Affects in child protection: Emotional demands, affective orders and professional practice - *Samantha Stolz & Klara-Marie Niermann*

From risk to rights biographies: case file building as a pedagogical strategy in youth care - *Lore Dewanckel & Laura Van Beveren*

Evaluation and Evidence

Room 4111
Chair: Gavin Davidson

Accountability and learning in collective efforts to tackle homelessness: developing an ecosystem approach - *Harm Deleu*

Overcoming the Evidence Based Paradox in the Evaluation of Interventions with Homelessness: Reflections and Methodological Insights from a Practice Research Project - *Anna Zenarolla*

Cultivating critical professional agency: reflective and dialogical practices in social work education - *Sirkka Alho, Kaisa Vuolukka, Mira Välimaa*

A systemic, social work approach to mental health data and outcomes in Northern Ireland - *Gavin Davidson*

Social Work, Social Pedagogy and Welfare Administration

Room 4112
Chair: Tuomo Kokkonen

Being normal or deviant in a digital citizenship: An interactionist perspective on handling communication with digital authorities - *Teres Hjarpe*

Creeping Zombification at Czech Labour Offices: What could be Done with Diminishing Discretion Resulting from the Digital by Default Approach? - *Jiří Mertl*

Digital leveling module for humanities and social sciences students from Ukraine - *Michael Klassen*

Social Work and the Politics of Welfare State - From Progressive Political Ethos to Administrative Mindset - *Tuomo Kokkonen*

Diversity, Identity and Justice

Room 4113
Chair: Mart Willekens

Social-justice-informed public management: From resistance and hybridity to a pragmatic reconstruction of the critical - *Shachar Timor-Shlevin*

From Dismissal to Dialogue: Advancing Epistemic Justice and Recognising Spirituality as a Site of Social Change in Social Work and Health Care - *Patricia Carlisle*

Youth perspectives and meaningful communities as driving forces in social work - *Maja Müller*

The Social and the Cultural in Socio-Cultural Work: Neoliberal and Critical Reconfigurations of Two Foundational Concepts in Belgium (Flanders) - *Mart Willekens*

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Room 4126

Reclaiming impact: rethinking research, impact and social change – *Chris Swerts, Marianne Schapmans, Pieter Cools, Griet Verschelden & Siebren Nachtergaele*

14:30 – 16:00 **Extra 'National Day' Workshops**

Early Carreer Workshop *– Room 1 (**building C**)*

Writing Our Way Through the PhD: Collective Autoethnography for Wellbeing – *Magdalena Pietrzak, Ewa Duda-Maciejewska, Julia Zbróg, Jagoda Apanasewicz, Jan Gierzyński & Patrycja Mika*

APS Early-ASD Project Workshop *– Aula C (**building C**)*

Creating digital social stories as a tool of working with/for children with ASD – *Agnieszka Siedler & Ewa Odachowska-Rogalska*

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Wednesday, 2 September 2026

09:00 – 10:30 **Keynote Session** *Aula D*

It Takes a Village to Map Social Work's Impact: Repositioning Impact Evaluation as Interpretive and Participatory Practice – *Jan Depauw*

Research as Critical Intervention: Reflexive Effects of Studying Far-Right Influence on Social Work – *Eva Grigori & Viktória Borda*

Coffee Break

11:00 – 13:00 **6 Parallel Sessions**

Migration and Border Regimes

Aula E
Chair: Pascal Debruyne

What Counts as Independence? Family Responsibility, Support, and Recognition in Family Reunification - *Veronika Rosenberger*

Beyond the Ideal Victim: Agency, Recognition, and the Politics of Labour Trafficking - Christina Kösl

"And Justice for All!" Crafting political space for social work with illegalized migrants - *Pascal Debruyne*

Systems of Care – Systems of Belonging

Aula D
Chair: Elisabeth Rass

Strengthening Thailand's Foster Care System: Key Success Factors and Challenges in the Transition from Residential Child Care to Family Settings - *Panrat Nimtaloung*

Belonging and Barriers: Co produced Insights on Disability and Resettlement in Regional Australia - *Kim Robinson*

From Malta to Blankenberge: Youthful Lines of Flight in a Landscape of Deprivation - *Caroline Vandekinderen*

Staying or Leaving: How Relationships Influence Staff Turnover and Employee Retention in Services for People with Disabilities and Challenging Behaviour - *Elisabeth Rass*

Family Support and Coercive Control

Room 4111
Chair: Sarah Donnelly

Understanding change in life conduct systems: Why process research matters for assessing impact in outpatient family support - *Valentin Frangen*

The Impact of Interventions by Social Pedagogues and Social Workers in Social Activation Services on Parental Competencies - *Radana Kroutilová Nováková & Magdalena Hanková*

The Systemic Coercive Bind: A Critical Realist Analysis of the Generative Mechanisms of Filial Coercive Control - *Freda Quinlan*

Hidden Carer Harm across the British Isles - A TRACE Policy Analysis - *Sarah Donnelly*

Resistance, Voice and Social Change

Room 4112
Chair: Martin Wagener

About to Be Doing Biography/Interview: Positioning negotiations in the interview situations with German rap fans - *Celia Wolter Rodriguez*

Prospects for a more human future - the aesthetic of the possible in transformative social work - *Elvira Schulenberg*

From 'service user' to co-researcher: A voyage in recognizing the value of different knowledge - *Saskia De Bruyn, Birgit Goris & Caro Bridts*

Accessibility, non-take-up and children's rights in social protection - *Martin Wagener*

Social Work, Social Pedagogy and Housing Justice

Room 4113
Chair: Jef Timmermans

Peer work(ers) in institutions for the (formerly) homeless in Vienna - *Anja Bischeltsrieder, Marianne Skopal, & Alexander Eder*

Relational transparency as a driver of social change in a grassroots project for homeless young adults - *Gretl Dons*

Action research on young homeless adults - *Hubert Höllmüller*

Welfare bricolage at the urban margins: navigating homelessness, squatting and social work - *Jef Timmermans*

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Room 4126

To act or not to act, that is the question. Disrupting the hegemonic order in Child Welfare and Protection: Collective attempts to create a counternarrative in research and practice - *Jan Naert, Dries Cautreels, Dieter Oorlynck, Delphine Levrouw, Elke Plovie*

Lunch Break

14:00 – 16:00 **5 Parallel Sessions**

Youth Participation and Social Change

Aula E
Chair: Karin Böllert

Building Resistance Through Culture, Dialogue and Youth Voice - *Erika Laredo*

"When you talk to other young carers, we all share the same frustration, and... Some of those things can actually be addressed": young adult carers in Flanders taking action for social change - *Lena Van Bergen*

Young people's engagement despite (or in defiance of) a democracy under threat - *Karin Böllert & Oliver Bokelmann*

Disability and Access to Support

Aula D
Chair: Konrad Meisner

Social Rehabilitation as a Path to Autonomy and Empowerment: The Role of Social Pedagogues and Social Workers in Community-Based Services for People with Disabilities - *Magdalena Hanková & Radana Kroutilová Nováková*

Life-Course Policy Gaps in Disability Support: Rethinking Social Impact for Families of Persons with Autism and Intellectual Disabilities in Romania - *Sandica Ion*

Understanding the Un-Accessibility of Self-Advocacy: Social Inequalities and Gaps in Representation in Residential Child and Youth Welfare - *Alexandra Klein*

Supporting Access to Social Services for People with Complex Needs: Design Principles for Centralized Referential Consultation Framework - *Konrad Meisner*

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Room 4111
Chair: Nadine van der Meulen

"Expanding the Spectrum": Insights from the Formation of Hearing Voices Groups - *Eyal Harel*

Integrative forms of therapy in a Psychiatric Clinic - *Barbara Wedler*

Extreme social withdrawal - a silent pandemic, invisible also in social work? - *Katja Weidtmann*

Digitalization, Impact, and Social Change: Rethinking Technostress, Inclusion, and Research Responsibility in Social Work - *Nadine van der Meulen*

Social Work and Digitalisation

Room 4112
Chair: Marcus Weckström

A Critical Analysis of the Transformation of Documentation Practices, Power Relations, and Professional Autonomy - *Kim Bräuer*

Social Pedagogy, AI and Child Well-being: Youth Mainstreaming and Digital Inclusion in the Age of AI - *Egle Cileliesine & Aukse Petruskeviciute*

Techno-optimism or Technostress? Social workers' attitudes towards and experiences of Artificial Intelligence in Finland - *Marcus Weckström*

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Room 4113

Social Practices of Belonging and Agency in Communal Living - A Practice Research in Germany – *Monika Alisch, Martina Ritter, Jakob Domke, & Madeline Brandt*

16:00 – 16:40 **Keynote Session** *Aula D*

Pedagogies of Solidarity: lessons from Community Schools in Latin America – *Maria Cecilia Zsögön*

16:40 – 17:00 **Closing Session** *Aula D*

18:00 - … **Farewell Dinner Party**

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