

6th annual TiSSA meeting in Riga

The international Social Work & Society Academy 2008

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Preface: "Politics - Power - Practice:
Advancing Social Work Agenda in Times of Uncertainty"

Uncertainty is rapidly becoming the hallmark of impending social changes and a key challenge for individuals, for society and for social services in particular. Uncertainty results from both the process of individualisation with all the destabilizing implications for socialisation and from the rapid, fundamental changes in social policy. Life is becoming more uncertain and unpredictable for individual actors and for society as a whole. Some characterize this as post-welfarism, others see it simply as the inevitable consequence of modernity which replaces the principle of basic social solidarity in the face of structural crises and transformations with that of individual responsibility and risk management.

At the same time these new disjointed policy fragments show no clear sense of direction and are instead contingent on specific situations, calling less on individual and collective efforts of planning and reassurance than on flexibility. Precariousness is the dominant characteristic of this progressive process of destabilization and insecurity. This process reaches also the intersection of politics and power. Few goals seem impossible and what is possible seems uncertain. Global changes directly affect local developments. The concept of 'glocalisation' has relevance also in an individual context. Social services have to balance their interventions between the promises of individual freedom and the negative challenges of those times of uncertainty. Traditional methods of social control take on a 'modern' appearance posing as ideologies of prevention and link themselves often to a kind of morality which directly opposes the reflexive professionalism of a progressive type of social work.

This conference is aimed at bringing together experiences from different countries of Europe and beyond relating to various dimensions of uncertainty and power and examine them critically with a view to establishing an agenda for social work which is capable of facing these challenges critically and of conceptualizing a progressive perspective for invigorating 'the social'. It is proposed that this will mean developing an emancipatory agency perspective which addresses above all the potential of innovative structural solutions.



Schedule (overview)
of the 6th TiSSA Plenum &
PreConference of the PhD-Network
August 18 to 24, 2008 in Riga, Latvia

Politics - Power - Practice: Advancing Social Work Agenda in Times of Uncertainty

Monday, 18	Tuesday, 19	Wednesday, 20		Thursday, 21	Friday, 22	Saturday, 23	Sunday, 24	
PhD network				Subject area:	Certainty // Uncertainty in Social Work	"National Day"	Advancing Social Work Agenda	Politics - Power - Practice
	9.00(!) PhD_ACT: DL 2	9.00(!) PhD_ACT: DL 1	09.30-13h	Opening Session: Greetings, Introduction, Social Work, Social Pedagogy & Social Politics in Latvia	Morning Session: Latvian Social Work Agenda	Plenary Session: Social Work in Europe	Plenary Session: Social Work & Globalisation	
Opening Session	Parallel Sessions (ODR)	Working Groups II						
		14h: Lunch Lecture	Lunch 13-14.30h			Field Visits	Plenary Session: "The whole is more than the sum of the parts" (NHL)	
ODR*: Knowledge & Decisions in Social Services	Working Groups I	ODR: Social Professions & Welfare State	14.30-18h	Plenary Session: Politics, Power, Practice - The Uncertainty of Difference	Leisure time: Visiting Riga	Parallel Sessions	Final Lectures: Discipline, Profession & Social Policy	
PhD_ACT: DL 3	PhD_ACT: DL 4	First Final Session					Plenary Session: TiSSA in Society	Plenary Session: Diversity & Human Rights
Preliminary Celebration		Informal meeting	Evening program	Reception		Meeting of the steering committee	Fare well party	

* ODR: Ongoing Doctoral Research

PreConference 2008 of TiSSA PhD-Network Program

Monday, 18

University of Latvia, Faculty of Social Sciences (Lomonosova iela 1)

11.00 - 13.00 OPENING SESSION

Opening the PreConference 2008 of the inter-university PhD-Network of TiSSA
Prof. Dr. Hans-Uwe Otto (TiSSA Executive Board, Chair of the international Steering Committee)

Greetings

Prof. Dr. Inta Brikse (Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Latvia)
Anita Gaigala (Rigas Municipality, Social Service Director)
Rolf Jaeger (German Embassy in Riga, Department of Work & Social Affairs)

Opening Lectures

“Science and research as a power in the development of sciences and practice field”
Assist. Prof. Dr. Lolita Vilka (Methodologist-director of Academic School of Social Work, Riga Stradins University)

“Promotion proceeding, basic researches and research methods”
Prof. Talis Tisenkopfs (Chair Person of PhD-Sociology Council, University of Latvia)

Introducing TiSSA PreConference

Melanie Abeling (TiSSA coordinator)

Introduction of the supervisors:

Prof. Dr. Marilyn Gray (The University of Newcastle, Australia)
Prof. Dr. Aija Zobena (University of Latvia, Latvia)
Prof. Dr. Nadia Kutscher (KFH NW - University of Applied Sciences Aachen, Germany)
Prof. Dr. John Clarke (The Open University, UK)
Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. mult. Hans-Uwe Otto (Bielefeld University, Germany)

Constitution of the Working Groups

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| 1) Politics | } | Advancing Social Work Agenda in Times of Uncertainty |
| 2) Power | | |
| 3) Practice | | |

13.00-14.30 Lunch

14.30 - 16.00 KNOWLEDGE & DECISIONS IN SOCIAL SERVICES

ONGOING DOCTORAL RESEARCH (ODR)

Anna Kathrine Frorup (Copenhagen, DK)	Forms of knowledge and evaluation in the field of social educational work
Guido van de Luitgaarden (Maastricht, NL)	Child protection workers' judgment and decision making processes at the point of first referral. Methodology and analysis.
Diana Düring (Dortmund, DE)	Cooperative decision making - front stages and back stages of negotiations within district teams
Vesma Priedite (Riga, LV)	Precocious institutional culture in Latvia of the children's social fostering

16.00-16.30 Coffee-break

16.30 - 18.00 PHD ACT: DL 3

POVERTY, SOCIAL EXCLUSION AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIAL

Thomas Wagner (Wuppertal, DE)	Poverty and/or Social Exclusion? Social Work and its Relationship to social Inequality
Luigi Leone (Messina, IT)	Criminological reflections on poverty
Lars Alberth (Wuppertal, DE)	Give a Body to Europe: Culture and the Government of the Social
Thomas Ley (Bielefeld, DE)	Governmediality - or how is poverty arranged in computerized work sites within social work?

19.30 Preliminary Celebration

Tuesday, 19

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9.00 - 11.30 PHD_ACT: DL 2

CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND MIGRATION - THEORETICAL, EMPIRICAL AND METHODOLOGICAL APPROACHES

Heli Niemi (Rovaniemi, FIN)	Cultural and Ethnic Sensitivity
Egle Kviescaite (Vilnius, LT)	Management of Intercultural Communication Descriptions in Education
Dima Zito (Wuppertal, DE)	Young Refugees in Germany. A research on former Child Soldiers
Stefania La Foresta (Messina, IT)	The Well-Being of People with Disabilities in Professional Care Work: A Problem of Social Justice
Kirsten E. Petersen (Copenhagen, DK)	The contradiction between professionals' education and exact knowledge on children at risk
Nadine Lauer (Bielefeld, DE)	Appropriation tactics of addressees in contexts of Social Work- a critical perspective on relations of power in care
Helle Schjellerup Nielsen (Copenhagen, DK)	Everyday life in focus for children in residential child care

11.30-12.00 *Coffee-break*

12.00 - 13.00 PARALLEL SESSIONS

ONGOING DOCTORAL RESEARCH (ODR)

A) Intervention Strategies in Social Work

Yulia Viktorova (St. Petersburg, RU)	Early intervention in social work with pregnant HIV-positive women
Lieve Bradt (Ghent, BE)	Victim-offender mediation as a social work practice

B) School as Context of Social Work

Violeta Suboc (Vilnius, LT)	The parents' attitude towards an organized social pedagogical assistance at school
Tzvetelina Tzoneva (Geneva, CH)	School History vs "Scholarly history": a Comparative Analysis of the Bulgarian and Romanian textbooks of National History in use in the secondary school from 1989 to our days.

13.00-14.30 *Lunch*

14.30 - 16.00 WORKING GROUPS

Consultation of the Working Groups

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16.00-16.30 *Coffee-break*

16.30 - 18.15 PHD_ACT: DL 4

PLACE, DISCOURSE AND MARGINALISATION

Carmela Davi' (Messina, IT)	Multiculturalism and the new geography of nowhere
Tiina Notko (Rovaniemi, FIN)	A person with disabilities in space and place - reading Simmel and Bauman
Dominik Krzysiński (Gdansk, PL)	Space, ecology and politics: environmental conflict as an example of political activation
Katarzyna Pękala (Gdansk, PL)	Discourse on 'marginalisation' and 'social work' in Wikipedia
Lukasz Stankiewicz (Gdansk, PL)	Social marginalization and access to public sphere in Poland - the case of "mohair berets"

Wednesday, 20

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9.00 - 11.30 PHD_ACT: DL 1

DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGE AND GENERATION

Simona Jonusaite (Kaunas, LT)	The problem of the One: The child in the context of parents' longitudinal labour migration
Antoanneta Potsi (Ioannina, GR)	State's Social Policy towards the Greek family. Theoretical approach
Audrone Juodeikaite (Kaunas, LT)	The children welfare
Domenico Crisafulli (Messina, IT)	The European Union and the challenges for social work
Angele Tamuleviciute (Bielefeld, DE)	Youth participation in the decisions which affect their lives: is it democratic participation?
Arja Kilpeläinen (Rovaniemi, FIN)	Evolving welfare by use of information technology in ageing outlying villages
Nina Vanessa Thieme (Bielefeld, DE)	Media and Demographic Changes: the German Example

11.30-12.00 *Coffee-break*

12.00 - 13.00 WORKING GROUPS

Conclusion of the Working Groups

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13.00-14.00 *Lunch*

14.00 - 14.30 LUNCH LECTURE

“Role of Social Work profession in the implementation of social policy in Latvia”
Dr. Liesma Ose (Director of Human Rights & Social Integration Program, Soros Foundation)

14.30 - 16.00 SOCIAL PROFESSIONS & WELFARE STATE

ONGOING DOCTORAL RESEARCH (ODR)

Dace Medne (Riga, LV)	Governance of family in transformative society of Latvia
Thomas Maesele (Ghent, BE)	From charity to welfare rights? A study of social care practices
Liga Aboltina (Riga, LV)	Implementation of Feedback in the Process of Supervision of Social Workers
Asta Raiiene (Vilnius, LT)	Work Opportunities of Social Educators as Vocational Counsellor at School

16.00-16.30 *Coffee-break*

16.30 - 18.00 1ST FINAL SESSION:

PHD_ACT AND THE 6TH ANNUAL TISSA PRECONFERENCE

Report from the working groups/ conference observers

Plenary Debate: Results and perspectives of the TISSA PhD-Network Supervisors with PhD students PreConference 2008

New Models of Activism in European Social Work (PhD_ACT): Award of Certificates

20.00 *Informal meeting of all TISSA participants*

TiSSA Plenum 2008

6th annual meeting

Program

Thursday, August 21

**Politics - Power - Practice:
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University of Latvia (Main Building, Raina bulvaris 19)

9.30 - 13.00 OPENING SESSION

Welcome

Prof. Dr. Inta Brikse - Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Latvia &
Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. mult. Hans-Uwe Otto - Chair of the international TiSSA steering committee

Greetings

Prorector of University Prof. Juris Kruminis
Ministry of Welfare Iveta Purne
Ministry of Education, Representative of Secretariat Kristine Vagnere
Secretariat of the Special Assignment Minister for Social Integration Oskars Kastens
Riga's Municipality Chair Janis Birks

Introducing TiSSA 2008 „Politics - Power - Practice: Advancing Social Work Agenda in Times of Uncertainty“ (Hans-Uwe Otto)

Concert of Instrumental Band of Day Center “Ceribu Tilts”

11.00 - 11.30 *Coffee-break*

Opening Lectures

“New Challenges in Social Work Agenda in Latvia”
Prof. Dr. Aija Zobena (University of Latvia, Faculty of Social Sciences)
“Development of Social Pedagogy as a Scientific Branch”
Prof. Dr. Irina Maslo (University of Latvia, Faculty of Pedagogy and Psychology)
“Social Policy and Social Work Development: Problems and Challenges”
Assist. Prof. Dr. Lolita Vilka (Riga Stradins University, Academic School of Social Work)

13.00-14.30 *Lunch (including Exhibition of Day Center “Ceribu Tilts”)*

14.30 - 16.00 POLITICS, POWER, PRACTICE - THE UNCERTAINTY OF DIFFERENCE

Mel Gray (Callaghan, AU)	Indigenous Peoples: Language, Politics and Social Work
Niels Rosendal Jensen (Copenhagen, DK)	Between paternalism and indifference
Spyros Pantazis (Ioannina, GR)	Multiculturalism and Religious Education in preschool and early school education: A research approach

16.00-16.30 *Coffee-break*

16.30 - 18.00 TISSA IN SOCIETY

3rd Cycle Education

PhD_ACT Consortium New Models of Activism in European Social Work

Open Access Community

Editorial Boards SW&S-Online-Journal (www.socwork.net) and the SW&S-Magazine (www.socmag.net)

World Wide Distribution

Nadine Kavanagh, Mel Gray,
Prof. Stephen Webb The international Study of Society Academy Asia-Pacific (TiSSA.AP)

18.00 *Reception (University of Latvia)*

Friday, 22

University of Latvia, Faculty of Social Sciences (Lomonosova iela 1)

9.30 - 11.00 LATVIAN SOCIAL WORK AGENDA (NATIONAL DAY)

Evija Apine
(University of Latvia, Faculty
of Social Sciences)

Social Work historical overview in Latvia

A. Berzins
(Chair person of Samaritan
Union in Latvia)

Role of NGO in Social Work and Social Service System

11.00 - 14.00 FIELD VISITS

1. Day center „Cerību tilts” (*eng.: bridge of hope*)
2. Center „Dardedze”
3. NGO „Apeironi”
4. Support Unit for Families with Children
5. Asylum seekers reception centre “Mucenieki”

Saturday, 23

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9.30 - 11.00 SOCIAL WORK IN EUROPE

Filip Cousse & Sven De
Visscher
(Ghent, BE)

The current situation of Social Work in Belgium

Anna Csongor
(Budapest, HU)

Social Work in Hungary

Heinz Sünker
(Wuppertal, DE)

1968 and its impact on social work in Germany

11.00-11.30 *Coffee-break*

11.30 - 13.00 GENDER, SEX & SHAME

Margrit Brückner
(Frankfurt a. M., DE)

Women in prostitution and social responsibility

Alexandra Klein
(Potsdam, DE)

Early sexual intercourse: What's the problem? Sexual
agency, social support, self-worth

Veronika Magyar-Haas
(Zurich, CH)

The powerlessness and the power of shame

13.00-14.30 *Lunch*

14.30 - 16.00 PARALLEL SESSIONS

A) Advancing Social Work Agenda: Research & Supervision

Irena Leliugiene
(Kaunas, LT) The activity of school social pedagogue in Lithuania and Germany: results of comparative analysis

Irina Verescagina
(Liepaja, LV) Supervision in the Social Work - Problems and Solutions

B) Advancing Social Work Agenda: Quality Management & Professionalization

Evija Eglite, Guna Eglite, Iveta
Grauduma
(Riga, LV)) Quality Function Deployment method "Quality house"
integration into social work study program

Ewa Kantowicz
(Olsztyn, PL) Advancing social work practice by social projects - towards
professionalization of social work in Poland

16.00-16.30 *Coffee-break*

16.30 - 18.00 DIVERSITY & HUMAN RIGHTS

Marianne Skytte
(Aalborg Øst, DK) Ethnic diversity - the challenges to child protection and
child care

Stephen Webb
(Callaghan, AU) Against Difference and Diversity in Social Work - The Case of
Human Rights

Mary Kay Jou
New Brunswick - NJ, USA) The Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility
Act (IIRIRA): Impact on Asylum Seekers

Sunday, 24

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9.30 - 11.00 SOCIAL WORK & 'GLOCALISATION'

John Clarke
(Milton Keynes, UK) Governing the local: politics, practices and power.

Irena Zaleskiene
(Vilnius, LT) Social Sustainability: networking, researching, teaching

Torben Bo Hansen
(Copenhagen, DK) The Coherence of Social Security and Social Flexibility - The
Danish Case

11.00-11.30 *Coffee-break*

11.30 - 13.00 "THE WHOLE IS MORE THAN THE SUM OF THE PARTS" (NHL)

Hillary Vos
(NHL-Zwolle, NL) "The whole is more than the sum of the parts" (Frits Perls):
the supply chain approach in the pedagogical practise

Dorothe Oppelaar-Heres
(NHL-Leeuwarden, NL) Example supply chain approach youth health care

Monique van der Pijll - van
Raalte
(NHL-Leeuwarden, NL) Suitable education as a new chance?

Hendrikje Hofstede-Stam
(NHL-Leeuwarden, NL) Youth work in Staphorst

13.00-14.30 *Lunch*

14.30 - 16.00 DISCIPLINE, PROFESSION & SOCIAL POLICY

Urban Nothdurfter (Brixen, IT)	Social work and social policy in Südtirol - Alto Adige, Italy The socio-political dimension of social work in the public social services sector
Olga Borodkina (St. Petersburg, RU)	Prevention of social diseases as a new direction of social work in Russia
Petros Stathopoulos (Nicosia, CY)	Social Work Education in Private Universities: Concerns and Challenges

16.00-16.30 *Coffee-break*

16.30 - 18.00 CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE 6TH TISSA PLENUM

Plenary Debate: Politics - Power - Practice: Advancing Social Work Agenda
in Times of Uncertainty
Results and perspectives of the 6th annual TiSSA Plenum
2008

Certificates, gratitude & goodbye

19.30 *Fare Well Party of all TiSSA participants*