International Youth Day

Observing the International Youth Day IASSW conducted a webinar on 20th August, 2022 titled – "Intergenerational Solidarity: Creating a world for all ages, building back better leveraging all generations.". The webinar was hosted on the virtual platform zoom and live-streamed via IASSW Facebook page for a larger audience. The webinar was moderated by Barbara Shank, Secretary IASSW, University of St. Thomas, School of Social Work, Dean and Professor. The panel had four esteemed panelists. Pamela Singla, Prof & HOD, Dept. of Social Work, Delhi University, India spoke on Swami Vivekanand and the relevance of his teachings for today's youth. The second panelist Dr. Kgomotso Jongman, University of Botswana, ASSWA President spoke on Understanding Generation Z&A: A Positive Youth Development approach. The third panelist Dr Vinay Kumar, Central University Jammu, India shared his expertise on Intergenerational Solidarity: A hope towards Sustainable future followed by our final panelist Mrs. Neelam C Dey, Educationist & Social Activist, India speaking on Let Youth be the Torch Bearers for family bonding and transition within Society World Over.
We are pleased to introduce you two of the plenary speakers

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The 5th International Conference on Gender and Sexuality 2022 will be virtually held on the 13th and 14th of October 2022. This year’s exciting theme is “Crafting and Imagining an Alternative Vision and Future.” This theme provides the space to build on the discussions of the last four years to chart a way forward for reimagining and re-envisioning the world of gender and sexuality across and within different contexts. The conference is an initiative to deepen creative knowledge generation, sharing of best practices, and expand substantive work and activism in the fields of gender and sexuality. This is done in collaboration with many partners of the conference— which includes universities, associations, journals, reviewers, committees, and of course all the delegates and individuals who have participated in the conference and continue to contribute in many ways.

Prof. Patricia McFadden is the main keynote speaker of the conference. Prof. McFadden is a radical African feminist, sociologist, writer, educator, and publisher from eSwatini, Africa. McFadden has served as a professor at Cornell University, Spelman College, Syracuse University and Smith College in the United States. She currently teaches, and advocates internationally for women’s issues. Prof. Melinda Madew is also serving as a Keynote Speaker at the conference. She is a Professor of International Social Work, at the University of Applied Sciences Ludwigsburg, Germany, she has spent years working for international aid organizations in Asia, Africa and Europe as a development consultant.

In addition to the 2 keynote presentations, there shall be three plenary speakers. The first plenary speaker is Dr. Evi, who is a professor of English at Universitas Negeri Malang in Indonesia. She has conducted extensive research and published in the fields of gender, cultural, and gender studies. The second plenary speaker is Prof. Heidi Hudson, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities at the University of the Free State in South Africa, who will deliver a plenary address titled "Framing the Relationship Between Gender, Time, and Space: The Women, Peace, and Security Agenda Revisited." The third plenary speaker is Prof. Gyz Molnár, she is professor of Sociology of Sport and Exercise from the School of Sport and Exercise Science at the University of Worcester in the United Kingdom, who will speak on the topic “Gender Politics in Sport”.

We are also excited to present two workshops. One on writing for publication which is presented by the co-editors of the journal-Studies in Gender and Sexuality. There will also be a very important workshop on sexuality studies that will be facilitated by Prof. Anthony Brown.

The conference is a space for theorizing about how the fields of gender and sexuality intersect; it enables the co-creation of theories and practices that are appropriate and ground-breaking; and facilitates networking and sharing of best practices. The contribution to knowledge building in the domains of gendering and sexualities is particularly couched in the exciting and ground-breaking work of young and emerging scholars both during the conference and in some of their publications. Hope to see all the knowledge seekers join the conference and benefit from the various exciting inputs that have been organized.
The Summer School offered a unique opportunity for students and women scholars – leaders in social work education to enhance knowledge and exchange ideas on gender and leadership within the larger frame of international social work, yet with authentic experiences and situated knowledge from Southeast Europe.

The first edition of the Summer School “Gender and Leadership: Social Work Education in Southeast Europe”, an undertaking of the Southeast Women’s Academic Leadership Network, comprised social work scholars and educators from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Kosovo, North Macedonia, and Slovenia, and the US, hosted by the University of Prishtina, Kosovo co-chaired by Prof. Vjollca Krasniqi, Prof. Sanela Bašić, and Prof. Barbara W. Shank (see https://www.glsw-see.org/).

Prof. Annamaria Campanini, President of the International Association of Schools of Social Work, Prof. Darja Zaviršek, President of the East European sub-regional Association of Schools of Social Work along with social work educators’ members of the Southeast Women’s Academic Leadership Network provided lectures and workshops on different topics related to gender and leadership. The main topics covered during the summer school were: Social work leaders responding to the challenges of the current war in Ukraine and reflecting on post-war societies in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, and Kosovo; human rights issues; historical roots of social work development in the region; reflections on transformative leadership; stress, burnout, and moral courage; the role of women in the social sciences; the issues of female care labour migration across the region, and on the ethical issues related to research and teaching. Experts from the host country presented their work. Field Visit was organised at the Centre for Social Work, Save the Children Kosova/o, and Nevo Concepti provided a deeper understanding of the current social work problems faced by professionals in Kosovo and the social policy responses to them (https://www.glsw-see.org/_files/ugd/49e689_419a37bd52204389aa57b901a50c8443.pdf).

The summer school is an endeavor that fosters leadership through social work theories, research, and practices to inform policies and activism on gender and social justice locally and globally. Conceptualized as a long-term endeavor, the school will continue evolving, developing, and “traveling” in time and space across Southeast Europe fostering collaborations and partnerships with social work schools, social work practitioners, students, communities, and institutions.
Rajagiri College, Kerala, India with its vision of ‘becoming a centre of excellence in learning for enriching and fulfilling LIFE’ has been regularly providing an annual forum for deliberations on vital issues of development from a Rights perspective. This annual series of deliberation (started in 1998) is named DYUTI (Developmental Yearning for a United and Transformed India) also meaning ‘Spark of Life’.

Dyuti 2023 is the 23rd in its series. DYUTI 2023 is a three-day International Conference from January 11th – 13th, 2023, aimed at bringing together scholars, academicians, and practitioners to deliberate on Global Perspectives and Practices based on health promotion. This Health Promotion Conference would provide a platform to discuss the current developments and models in the field of Health Promotion. Health promotion is a comprehensive process directed towards enabling people to act and it is done by, with, and for people either as individuals or as groups. The conference would explore the avenues to strengthen the skills and capabilities of individuals to act and the capacity of groups or communities to act collectively to exert control over the determinants of health and achieve positive change.

More details are available at the DYUTI website, www.dyuti.in. You may contact us for any queries through dyuti@rajagiri.edu.

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- Survey of social work education programs
- Presentations on the Global Standards and discussions on their implications
- Application of the standards in the field as a response to the pandemic

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Deficiencies in old age care are some of the most pressing human rights concerns in mature welfare states. This book radically challenges the ethics of viewing care as a tradeable commodity and introduces a novel framework for understanding and analysing social care through the concept of ailment. Providing examples from the British and Finnish welfare states, it demonstrates how ailment shapes societies from the micro to the macro level. Addressing the marketisation and financialisation of care, the authors bring to light increasing inequalities in care. This book argues that ailment is part of human life and society, and therefore the politics of care should begin with a politics of ailment.
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