

**INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT June 2020**  
**IASSW Board Meeting**, version 12 July

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**Social Work Education Under Covid-19: A special call for international projects – now extended to 31 August**

This project was initiated by Lena Dominelli and the Disaster Intervention, Climate Change and Sustainability Committee in collaboration with myself and the International Projects Committee. It is an invitation to submit a research proposal on Social Work Education Under Covid-19. IASSW will select ONLY 2 projects and the selected proposal will receive a project grant of 2,500USD for a year. For more details, please see the website:

<https://www.iassw-aiets.org/covid-19/5296-social-work-education-under-covid-19-a-call-for-international-projects/>

**Regular Call for International Projects by 31 October**

The regular call for international projects will go ahead as usual due on 31 October. The Covid-19 call above is an additional initiative of IASSW. See the regular call for projects on our website: <https://www.iassw-aiets.org/219-2/>

**1. Recent projects approved**

The Board approved the five projects listed below in January. Projects are either in a process of providing further information or are underway having been given their initial grant. Many have been affected by Covid-19 and issues with paying membership, restraint on travel or increased workload. All projects requested the full USD4,000 available.

**Recent Projects Approved January 2020**

<b>Coordinator</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Countries</b>	<b>Proposal</b>
Meng Liu, Zhejiang Normal University, Jinhua, China	Developing a new curriculum for health and social work in China	China, Canada, Finland.	<b>Accept</b>
Kiran Thampi, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kerala, India	Practices, priorities and challenges in student mobility programmes for field education: Developing supervision framework for better outcomes	India, Israel, Australia	<b>Accept</b>
Felicia Tuggle Auburn University Auburn, AL, USA	Aligning Global Standards of social work field education with social development practice and Sustainable Development Goals	USA, Ghana	<b>Accept</b>
Talia Meital	Social work education and profession in	Israel, USA,	<b>Accept</b>

<b>Schwartz-Tayri</b> , Tel Aviv University, Israel	India and Israel – Sisters separated?	India.	
<b>Linda Kreitzer</b> University of Calgary Edmonton, Alberta, Canada	Africa social work history for education and research: Association for Social Work Education in Africa – document analysis	Canada, Uganda, South Africa	<b>Accept</b>

## 2. Financial assessment

The budget for international projects for 2019 was USD14,000 which is the average we have maintained for several years.

It is always difficult to know what the expenditure will be as it relies on the project members progressing their work to justify applying for instalments of funding. Some projects do not reach completion and therefore do not receive the final payment.

This chart shows the new funding commitments to the 5 new projects of 2020 and the older projects still underway. Note that the chart does not show new projects for 2021 onwards as its main use is to capture current funding commitments we are liable for.

	<b>Total Award</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022+</b>
Mafileo 2016	\$4,000	\$ 1,000				\$3000?	Await final report	
Bejko 2017	\$4,000		\$ 1,000			\$3000?	Await final report	
Anucha 2017	\$4,000		\$ 1,500	\$ 1,750	\$ 750	Completed		
Walker 2017	\$4,000		\$ 1,500		\$ 2,500	Completed		
Dzinekou 2018	\$4,000			\$ 2,500	\$ 1,500	Completed		
Hafford-L 2018	\$4,000						\$4,000	Await final
Forgey 2018	\$4,000			\$ 1,500		\$ 2,500	Final payment to be ma	
Molla 2018	\$4,000			\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$1,000	Await final report	
Nguyen 2018	\$4,000			\$ 1,500			\$2,500	To complet
Smith 2018	\$4,000			\$ 1,500			\$2,500	Await final
Cheung 2018	\$4,000			\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$1,000	Await final report	
Yoshihama-Marques 2	\$4,000					\$ 1,500	\$ 2,500	To complet
Kimura 2019	\$4,000				\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,000	To complet
Sewpaul 2019	\$4,000				\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,000	To complet
Carranza 2019	\$4,000				\$ 1,500		\$ 2,500	To complet
Huggins 2019	\$4,000				\$ 1,500		\$ 2,500	To complet
Liu 2020	\$4,000					\$ 2,000		\$ 2,000
Thampi 2020	\$4,000					\$ 2,000		\$ 2,000
Tuggle 2020	\$4,000					\$ 2,000		\$ 2,000
Schwartz-Tayri 2020	\$4,000					\$ 2,000		\$ 2,000
Kreitzer 2020	\$4,000					\$ 2,000		\$ 2,000
<b>Total per year</b>					<b>\$13,750</b>	<b>\$19,000</b>	<b>\$ 18,500</b>	<b>\$ 10,000</b>

## 2. Running projects

### Running projects as at December 2019

#### 2019

The development of a global partnership: To develop social work education, practice, research in disaster resilience and green social work.  January 2019-	Dr Camille <b>Huggins</b> , University of the West Indies, Trinidad	Trinidad, USA, Scotland
Responding to Gender Based Violence through Social Work Curriculum in El Salvador.  January 2019-	Mirna <b>Carranza</b> , McMaster University, Canada	Canada, El Salvador
Culture, Human Rights and Social Work: African Perspectives – Co-edited book  January 2019-	Dr Vishanthie <b>Sewpaul</b> , University of KwaZulu Natal, South Africa.	South Africa, Canada, Ghana, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Ethiopia, Australia, Botswana
Research on Models of Social Work and Curriculum Development for Global Social Work.  January 2019-	Dr Mariko <b>Kimura</b> , Japan Women’s University, Japan & Dr <b>TAN</b> Ngoh Tiong Singapore University of Social Sciences, Singapore.	Japan, Singapore, Canada, USA
Creating Global Social Work Visionaries through PhotoVoice  January 2019-	Dr Eduardo <b>Marques</b> Universidade dos Açores, Portugal & Dr Mieke <b>Yoshihama</b> , University of Michigan, USA.	Portugal, USA, Spain

#### Older Projects

Project	Coordinator	Countries
Advancing Pacific social work education.  July 2016-2020+	Dr Tracie <b>Mafile’o</b> , Massey University, New Zealand.	New Zealand, Australia, Fiji.
A Trans-national Collaborative Research: Rights-based Social Work Practice in Southeastern Europe.	Dr. Erika <b>Bejko</b> , University of Tirana, Albania & Dr. Vjollca <b>Krasniqi</b> , University of	Bosnia and Herze- govina, Albania, Kosovo, USA, Croatia.

Jan 2018-December 2019	Prishtina, Kosovo.	
Collaboration for Inter-national field practicum for Social Work education in support of elderly care in Nigeria.  Sept 2017-2019	Dr Uzo <b>Anucha</b> , York University, Canada & Dr Augusta Y <b>Olaore</b> , Babcock University, Nigeria.	Nigeria, Canada, USA, South Africa.
Developing Social Work Education and Practice in Malawi.  Sept 2017-2019	Dr. Janet <b>Walker</b> , University of Lincoln, England.	England, Malawi.
In the time of urgent political conflicts: Post-election training and empowerment of community leaders, social workers, and social transformers for peace and social cohesion in Kenya, South Africa and the United States.  May 2018-2019	Bro Jonas Yawovi <b>Dzinekou</b> , Catholic Univ of Eastern Africa, Nairobi, Kenya.	Kenya, South Africa and the United States
Integrating the human rights of sexual and gender minorities into social work education: A leadership and knowledge synthesis project.  Feb 2018-2020+	Dr Trish <b>Hafford-Letchfield</b> , Middlesex University, London, UK.	UK, NZ, Colombia, Canada
The Development of a Global Partnership to Further Social Work Education, Practice and Research in International Military Social Work (IMilSW).  June 2018-2020	Dr Mary Ann <b>Forgey</b> , Fordham University, NY, USA.	USA, Ukraine, Australia
Strengthening Social Work Field Education in Ethiopia  June 2018-2020+	Dr Bekele <b>Molla</b> , University of Gondar, Ethiopia.	Ethiopia, USA
Lived experience of young people after they leave care homes/ centers to live independently in Vietnam.  April 2018-2020+	Dr Hoa Thi <b>Nguyen</b> , Unitec Institute of Technology, New Zealand.	NZ, Vietnam, Ireland
Cross-fertilising Bush Adventure Therapy and Contemporary Green Perspectives within Social Work Education.  June 2018-2020	Dr Amanda <b>Smith</b> , Griffith University, Australia.	Australia, USA, Canada, Taiwan (associate)
Critical reflection on incorporating emerging global human rights issues in social work education: A comparison between Hong Kong and Canada.	Dr Maria <b>Cheung</b> , University of Manitoba, Canada.	Canada, Hong Kong

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### **3. Application deadline and funding allocations in 2019**

We changed the last application dead line to October 31, 2019 rather than the previous November 30 date, which has allowed more time for the Committee to deliberate before the January Board meeting. We also invited projects to receive their allocation as either \$2,000 + \$2,000 or \$1,500 + \$1,500 + \$1,000 – subject to satisfactory reports. Having only two payments for projects will save on administration expense along with staff and volunteer time.

### **4. Visibility of the projects on the IASSW website and in Social Dialogue**

Material from the International projects are published on the IASSW website, where International projects have their own space. The enhanced website will help with promoting the great work achieved through project funding. Summaries of good quality reports have been considered for publication in Social Dialogue magazine, which is another great way to promote the project funding program.

### **5. Concerns**

The global coverage of International projects is related to the membership coverage. New members have been incentivised to join IASSW in the process of submitting projects. We have to pay continuous attention to the recruitment of IASSW memberships, applications and partnerships especially from those regions which are less representative of IASSW projects, such as Latin America and Northern Africa, just to mention a few. The implementation of the new plans to restructure the relations between regional associations and IASSW will help to clarify the membership issues to the applicants.

Respectfully submitted,

David McNabb,  
Chair of the International Projects Committee

30 December 2019

## **Appendix**

### **Completed projects from January 2011 to December 2018**

#### **Completed projects in 2011:**

1. Introducing the implications of political conflict to social work within social work education: a curriculum development initiative. Coordinator, Prof. Shula **Ramon** of Anglia Ruskin University, UK. (2009–2011). Five countries.

2. Students' Perceptions of International Social Work: A Comparative Study in the USA, UK, and Georgia. Coordinator Assistant Professor Marina **Lalayants**, Hunter College School of Social Work, USA. 2009–2011. USA, UK, Georgia.
3. Forensic social work: formulation of political-pedagogical directives and instruments for the training of social workers in the south cone. 2009–2011.
4. Collecting practical knowledge in the centres of social work in Pristine: producing knowledge for an evidence-based social work study. 2008–2011.
5. Applications of Global standards for education development by IASSW – a ten years' perspective. 2010–2011.

#### **Completed projects in 2012:**

6. Developing the Capacity for Teaching Excellence in Social Work and Social Development in Ethiopia. Coordinator professor Margaret E. **Adamek**, Indiana University, USA. 2009–2012. USA (two schools), Ethiopia.
7. WAFE: Working with adults who are vulnerable – a comparison of curricula, policies and constructions. Coordinator Professor Jonathan **Parker**, Bournemouth University, UK. –2012. China/Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, Austria, Kuwait, USA.
8. Translating global perspectives on health inequalities research into social work education – a Pacific Rim perspective. Coordinator Professor Rosalie **Pocket**, University of Sydney. 2011–2012. UK, South Korea, Australia.
9. An Exploration of Int. Innovation in Service User Involvement Across Three Countries, Coordinator Joe **Duffy**, Queen's University, Belfast, Northern Ireland. 2011–2012. Northern Ireland, Spain, Slovenia.

#### **Completed projects in 2013**

10. What and How Do We Teach, and How Do We Learn? A Mutual Project of Social Work Faculty from Asia, Middle East & Europe Countries, Coordinator Orit **Nuttman-Shwartz**, Sapir College. Israel. 2013–2013. Israel, India, Ethiopia, Germany, USA.

#### **Completed projects in 2014**

11. Strangers at home and abroad: Teaching about migration in social work. Coordinator Mimi V. **Chapman**, University of North Carolina, USA. 2011–2014. USA, China/two schools.
12. A comparative study on perspectives on non-suicidal self-injurious behaviors of social work students in USA, Cyprus, & Jordan. Implications for social work practice and curriculum, coordinator Efrosine **Kokaliari**, School of Social Work, Springfield College, USA. 2011–2014. USA, Cyprus, Jordan.
13. Rights practice in the biosphere, Coordinator Susan **Bailey**, School of Population Health, University of Western Australia. 2011–2014. Australia, Hong Kong, Qatar.
14. Building Social Work Education Capacity in Ethiopia through an International Travel and Study, Coordinator Alice K. **Butterfield**, University of Illinois at Chicago, Jane Addams College of Social Work, USA. 2011–2014. USA, Ethiopia.

15. Social work development through North/South dialogue in teaching and practice research, Coordinator Aina **Lian Flem**, Sør Trøndelag University college, Faculty of Health Education and Social Work, Norway. 2013–2014. Zambia, Sweden, Norway.
16. Exchange and Collaboration on MSW Curriculum, Content, and Teaching Innovations between China and the United States, Coordinator **Li Xu**, School of Ethnology and Sociology, South Central University of Nationalities, the People's Republic of China. 2013–2014. China/two schools, USA.
17. Teaching International Social Work to students across the globe using online technology. Coordinator: Terry **Lum**, University of Hong Kong together with Cindy Davis, University of Tennessee, College of Social Work, USA. 2013–2014. China, South Africa, Australia/two schools, USA.

### **Completed projects in 2015**

18. Southeast Europe (SEE) academic women's leadership initiative, coordinator: Sanela **Sadic**, University of Sarajevo, Department of Social Work, Bosnia and Herzegovina July 2014–January 2015. Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Slovenia, USA.
19. Developing and disseminating a new masters social work program on women and families in China. Coordinator: Tuula **Heinonen**, Faculty of Social Work, University of Manitoba, Canada. April 2013–April 2015. Canada, China, Finland.
20. Where knowledge, social work and social policy meet: A cross-national perspective on the involvement of social work academics in social policy. Coordinator John **Gal**, Paul Baerwald School of Social Work and Social Welfare, Hebrew University of Jerusalem. January 2014–June 2015. Israel, Portugal, U.K, Puerto Rico.
21. Building a comparative perspective on media representation of social work: the first step. Coordinator Brian **Littlechild**, University of Hertfordshire, U.K.. January 2014–October 2015. U.K., Germany (2 schools), Italy.
22. Enhancing social work field education through international collaboration: A pilot project in Central China. Coordinators Dr. Fei **Sun**, School of Social Work, Arizona State University and Dr. Meirong Liu, School of Social work at Howard University. December 2013–December 2015. USA (two schools), China.

### **Completed projects in 2016**

23. Cross-national community practice: Schools of Social Work and Social Transformation in Kenya, South Africa, and the United States. Coordinator Joyce **Shim**, PhD, Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Social Work, Dominican University, IL, USA. September 2015–March 2016. USA, Kenya, South Africa.
24. Promoting a developmental approach to social work education in Southern and East Africa. An assessment of the appropriateness of the fieldwork education component of the social work curriculum. Coordinator Prof. Mel **Gray**, The School of Humanities and Social Sciences, The University of Newcastle, Callaghan, NSW, Australia. January 2016 – December 2016. Botswana, Australia.
25. Building Knowledge and Skills of Social Work Faculty in Reducing Community vulnerability and exposure to disasters. 2014–2017. Project was not completed and did not get

its final payment with their being no concluding report. Dr. Bala Raju **Nikku**, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia and Nepal School of Social Work. Malaysia, India, Indonesia, U.K.

### **Projects completed in 2017**

26. The Experience of Transnational Migration: The Effects of Separation on Individuals and Families. Jan 2014-May 2015, extended to May 2017. Laura A. **Lewis**, PhD, LCSW, ACSW, Director of Field Education, Co-director of the Institute for Sustainable Global Engagement, School of Social Work, University at Buffalo, NY, USA. USA, Republic of Moldova.

27. International Social Work Education Exchange Project: Complexities of HIV and AIDS in the Caribbean and the United States. January 2016–May 2017. Assistant Professor Tamarah **Moss**, PhD, MPH MSW, Howard University, School of Social Work, NW, Washington, DC, USA. Barbados, The Bahamas and USA.

28. Comparative Community Practice: MSW Curriculum Development in Ecuador, Mexico, and the United States. July 2016, October 2017. Dr Ing. Fabricio Guevara **Viejo**, Universidad Estatal de Milagro, Ecuador. Countries: Ecuador, Mexico, USA.

### **Projects completed in 2018**

29. Japanese international forum. January 2018. Ms Kana **Matsuo**, Shukutoku University, Japan.

30. Building Networks and Frameworks for Global Social Work Education. July 2016-March 2018. Prof Dr Janet **Anand**, University of Eastern **Finland** & Dr Trinh **Mai**, University of Utah, USA. Countries: USA, Finland, India, Austria.

31. Developing Social Work Education and Practice in Malawi. Jan 2017-Jan 2019. Dr. Janet **Walker**, University of Lincoln, England. Countries: England, Malawi.