



GENDER AND SOCIAL WORK

SUMMER UNIVERSITY IN SOCIAL WORK 2009



MIGRATION AND SOCIAL WORK

Lausanne, June 29th to July 10th 2009

OBJECTIVES

The main goals of the Summer University in Social Work 2009 are to promote exchanges between students from various countries, to facilitate comparative analysis of social work and to stimulate new approaches in social work with the help of professors and experts from different backgrounds (Europe and North America).

CONTENTS

The Summer University in Social Work 2009 will provide a unique opportunity to address social problems and challenges in a new way.

The Summer University in Social Work 2009 will focus on two issues:

Social Work and Gender – Social Work and Migration

Students will follow lectures on social work issues given by experts from different backgrounds, they will share experiences and ideas, they will work in small groups and develop a social work project, they will visit social work services and structures in Switzerland and have an opportunity to talk to professionals and specialists.

Switzerland, a multilingual and multicultural country in the heart of Europe, is ideally situated to host this Summer University in Social Work

PROGRAM

Lectures, workshops, field visits to social work services and structures in Switzerland, small group sessions, social events.

- Lectures will provide a unique opportunity to hear professors from universities of social work from around the world (Switzerland, Netherlands, France, Italy, Belgium, USA, Canada...).
- Workshops in small groups, led by Swiss professors of social work, will enable students to work on original social work projects to be presented on the last day of the Summer University.
- Field visits to social work services and structures will help students to understand how social workers deal with issues of migration and gender.
- Social evenings and other informal events will facilitate socialization between students and professors.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Date and time

The Summer University in Social Work 2009 will take place from June 29th to July 10th in Lausanne, at the University of Applied Sciences Western Switzerland, École d'études sociales et pédagogiques (www.eesp.ch). Field visits and social events will be organized in Lausanne, Geneva, Fribourg as well as in Canton Valais.

Languages

Lectures will be given in English or French. Translation will be provided, but some level of proficiency in both languages is useful.

Conditions and fees

Registration is open to students holding a Bachelor's degree (or equivalent) in social work, social welfare or social sciences. A maximum of 25 students will be accepted. Early registration is advised.

Fees (including lectures, teaching materials, transportation to field visits, social evenings and other organized events) are 800 Swiss Francs (500 €, 700 \$) for the two weeks.

Assessment and credits

6 ECTS credits will be awarded to students meeting the following requirements:

- 1 Prep on selected literature and draft of a project;
- 2 participation in the entire Summer University 2009 and;
- 3 finalization of an original social work project.

More information on our web site:

<http://summer-uni-sw.eesp.ch>

REGISTRATION

To register, please send an email to summer-uni-sw@eesp.ch. Your application must include a resume and a letter (2 pages) explaining your motivations to follow the Summer University. If you need funding (international students only), you must complete the «Funding request» form (can be obtained from summer-uni-sw@eesp.ch).

Registration will close on March 31st 2009.



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The term “gender” refers to the social and cultural constructions of the masculine and the feminine in society. These social constructions, which are founded on hierarchically organized modes of differentiation, have an impact on social problems, on social work clients and of course on social work professionals.

Are social problems articulated with gender issues? Should gender-specific approaches be promoted?

Are social problems confronting women different from those experienced by men? To what extent does social work contribute to reducing – or to increasing – gender problems and inequalities?

All around the world, the majority of social workers are women. What effect does this have on social work? Is social care a woman’s work?

The Summer University in Social Work 2009 will explore all these topics and many more...

International mobility is on the increase. Migration occurs for various reasons, which stem from economic, labor, political, ecological and other issues. Migration often leads to social and cultural problems, a major issue for social work.

Is social work with migrants and immigrants specific? How does it differ from one country to another? Is a gendered perspective on migration useful?

How can social workers deal with racial discrimination, with xenophobia, or with policies which are hostile to migrants?

What kind of social work can be carried out with undocumented migrants?

The Summer University in Social Work 2009 will place its emphasis on social work with migrants in a globalized world.

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