

2nd Pre-Conference on Human Rights in Teaching and Practice

***ETHICS, HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOCIAL WORK***

Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> 2011 from 10.00 – 18.30

**FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT - CALL FOR PAPERS**

At the European Conference in Parma in March 2007 colleagues engaged in social work education and social services participated in a roundtable session with professor Joe Wronka, Springfield College/Massachusetts, expert in human rights and extreme poverty at the United Nations, Geneva Office. This session closed with the idea of creating a European network dedicated to facilitate interaction and constructive discourses in the promotion of teaching and training about human rights in all areas of social work.

This network developed and expanded - enabling us to share our understanding, concepts and experiences of social work and human rights at a pre-conference that took place prior to the European Social Work Conference (ENSACT) in Dubrovnik, Croatia in April 2009. Over 40 colleagues and students from universities and social services, throughout Europe and abroad, participated in it. To view the photos and reports of this pre-conference click the following link: [pre-conference Dubrovnik 2009](#).

Possible topics at the 2nd pre-conference could be for example:

- What are basic philosophical, religious, ethical foundations of human dignity and human rights?
- Contradictions between human rights in social work practice – which way out?
- Poverty as violation of social rights
- Social justice, human rights and social work practice
- Culture, religion and human rights
- Best practice examples and experiences how to teach human rights

We are open for further suggestions focusing on human rights.

We would then like to discuss if there is interest in working on a project to establish an International Master of “Social Work and Human Rights” between European universities/ Universities of Applied Sciences.

**DEADLINE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS: FEBRUARY 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011 FOR REGISTRATION: MARCH 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

Please send your abstract to the following addresses:  
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For further information see: [pre-conference Brussels 2011](#).  
We shall send you the final program on March, 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

We look forward to receiving your abstracts, suggestions and registration:

*Pre-conference organizers:*

Prof. Dr. Silvia Staub-Bernasconi, Lecturer and member of the Academic Board of INDOSOW (Intern. Doctoral Studies in Social Work), Berlin & Zürich; Prof. Dr. Hans Walz, Univ. of Applied Sciences Ravensburg-Weingarten.

*Actual cooperation network:*

MSW Graça André, Social Worker and lecturer at the Catholic University in Lisbon, IFSW/Europe Representative for Human Rights; Prof. Christel Michel, Univ. of Applied Sciences Ravensburg-Weingarten and MSW Sharon Schneider, Phd Student, INDOSOW International Doctoral Studies in Social Work, University of Ljubljana.