



Innovations and Perspectives in Social Work: Bridging Academia and Practice.

International scientific seminar

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Social work is a dynamic and evolving field that plays a crucial role in addressing contemporary social challenges. As societies face increasing complexities, bridging the gap between academic research and professional practice becomes essential. This seminar serves as a platform for knowledge exchange and experience sharing among experts, researchers, and practitioners in the field of social work. The event will cover key topics related to social work education, international perspectives, cultural diversity, and pressing social challenges such as neurodiversity, family dynamics, and strategies for coping with social anxieties. Special attention will be given to the evolving nature of social work education and the impact of interdisciplinary approaches. Distinguished speakers will share their insights and expertise, inspiring discussions and reflections on the future of social work. The seminar will be moderated by Dr. Natasza Doiczman-Łoboda.

We warmly invite all those interested in social work – academics, practitioners, and students – to join us for this engaging and insightful event.

The seminar is organized by the Faculty of Sociology at Adam Mickiewicz University and will take place in Room D, Building E, Ogrody Campus.

Program for the seminar

10:15 Welcome by the Faculty Authorities and the Head of the Department of Social Issues and Social Work Studies

10:30 – 11:00 Dr. Natasza Doiczman-Łoboda

"Social Work Education at the Faculty of Sociology, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poland – An Academic Perspective"

11:00 – 11:30 Prof. Kathleen Farkas

"Perspectives on International Social Work"

11:30 – 12:00 Barbara Owens & Shyanne Urban

"Connecting Cultures"

12:00 – 12:30 Break

12:30 – 13:00 M.A. Julia Śliwiak

"Neurotypical norms in the experiences of autistic people: social challenges and adaptation strategies in the context of neurodiversity"

13:00 – 13:30 Student Research Society for Social Work, Julia Kosman, Zuzanna Bartman

"The Nature of Family Bonds in Families with a Child with Disabilities: Based on Parent-Child Relationships"

13:30 – 14:00 Dr. Krzysztof Mączka

"Top anxieties and coping strategies. Evidences from comparative CAWI study in Poland, Ukraine and Hungary"

14.00 Discussion/Summary