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Editorial Notes:

This is our second print issue of the Journal available for subscribers. We have included several articles and also attempted to utilize photos from author's archives and illustrations. The Journal now is willing to consider coloured pictures on the web version and appropriate reduction to grey tones in printed version.

Jennifer Woods, in her critical essay on 'Community Development: The Way Forward for Social Work in Disaster Management' clearly reiterates that Community development is the way forward for social work. Economic rationalism, smaller governments and possible climate changes mean more crises and less state resources; urbanization means more densely populated communities, especially in coastal zones and adjacent waterways and coupled together, an increased need for social work interventions. Certainly, using readily available resources and preparing for potential negative events makes community development an ethical and appropriate means of dealing with issues of community for social workers. Even for disaster management where social work has been traditionally located at the crisis stage in a role of assisting with psychological stress there lies an opportunity to focus more in the community development context, not only utilizing available social capital for recovery but for assisting with building capacity and thus creating solid foundations for the future of the community.

Dr. Rachel Robinson, in her article titled 'Facing the Healthcare System as a Refugee: The Plight of Somali Women' wrote on how biopolitics and medical dominance affect the lives of refugee women of Somali origin. Dr Robinson looked at the challenges refugees face in negotiating the healthcare systems in western societies. She reported on a study that utilized the context of prenatal care and delivery to examine the way refugees were treated, and reported on their reaction.

Authors, Kanchan Pd. Kharel and Venkat Pulla, wrote on 'building resilient communities through bottom up approach' based on a case study of a Non Governmental Organization from Nepal. At the conceptual level, the paper begins with the relationship between aid and development in the third world, its impact on poverty reduction; thus presenting a framework for resilience and also reviewing the development of the 'bottom up approach' favorably considered as programme strategy in this NGO.

Authors, Md. Fakhurul Alam and Tulshi Kumar Das in their article on 'experiencing vulnerability, abuse and deception: why women in sylhet city of Bangladesh enter into prostitution' present results of a qualitative study aimed at gaining understanding about multiple factors causing prostitution in Sylhet city of Bangladesh. Overall, their findings reflect the complex interrelationships between both the push and pull factors that generally keep the women and girls entrapped into prostitution in the context of Bangladesh.

Authors, Seher Ozonal Ozer and Margarita Frederico in their article elaborate on the issues of access for Kurdish and Turkish Migrants in Relation to Health and Community Services in Regional Victoria, Australia. This paper highlights the particular needs of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities living in regional areas of Australia. In particular the paper reports on a study of access to health and community services for Kurdish and Turkish migrants in a regional town in Australia.

Authors, Francis Ogojo Okello , Ndungi wa Mungai , Venkat Pulla , Phillip Bwititi in their article titled 'Towards Research to Build Effective HIV Programmes in Uganda' talk through the behavior change interventions that have been targeted by the Uganda government, donors and other stakeholders in tackling the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Their paper examines the impact of these interventions on the populations' risk behaviours in HIV transmission or acquisition. In addition, this paper also examines qualitative aspects of HIV program development and implementation in Uganda and suggests both qualitative and quantitative research designs that will allow monitoring progress of program implementation so that effective changes can be made to get best outcomes. Implications of this data.

Authors, Radha R Chada , Venkat Pulla , Bharath Bhushan Mamidi , Azlinda Azman in their Asia based perspectives on fighting HIV/AIDS address the ground realities of resilience. Owing to its tenacity, AIDS has exacerbated livelihood problems including poverty. This paper examines the wider set of social and economic drivers of HIV epidemics and the multiple downstream impacts of AIDS on societies and economies. It also analyses how households afflicted by AIDS adapt to the impact of the epidemic and further suggest ways to support households recover from impact.

The last article here is in its own genre. Useful for all social science and social work researchers. This is an unusual piece of work sent to us by an Engineer. I am aware that people still bother about the null hypothesis. This is still in vogue for testing significance in fields as diverse as biology, agronomy, social science, psychology, epidemiology and most forms of medical research. Although critiqued, the method is not given away. Paul Wilson's paper examines the inverse logical fallacy, that of failing to reject a null hypothesis and thereby accepting an invalid conclusion. He explains that a definition of the fundamental concept of experimental completeness leads to a reductio ad absurdum proof. The paper concludes with an example of the dangerous consequences of accepting an invalid null hypothesis out of a null hypothesis significance test.

We invite books in social work and human services for review.

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International Conference Announcements:

International Conference on Community Empowerment, Coping, Resilience and Hope

14th to 16th December 2014

Hyderabad, India

Organized by: Centre for Action Research and People's Development, Hyderabad, India, International Resilience Institute Sydney, Australia, and Brisbane Institute of Strengths Based Practice

Deadline for abstracts/proposals: 15, August, 2014

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<http://www.carped.org/pdfs/International%20Conference%20on%20Community%20Empowerment,%20%20Coping,%20Resilience%20and%20%20Hope.pdf>

1st International Conference on Social Work Practice in Mental Health

10-12 December 2014.

Organised by The De Paul International Centre for Well-being, Kerala, the Social Work Department at De Paul Institute of Science & Technology (DiST), Department of Social Work and Human Services at James Cook University, Australia (JCU) and Centacare , Australia.

Submission of Abstracts - June 05, 2014.

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Joint World Conference on Social Work, Education and Social Development 2014

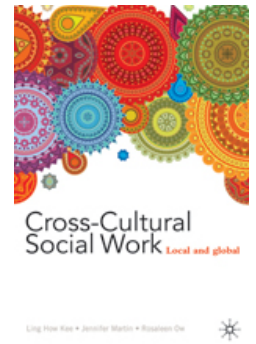
Held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, 09-12 July 2014.

The official Joint World Conference on Social Work, Education and Social Development 2014 full programme is now available at

http://www.swsd2014.org/wp-content/uploads/SWESD_Program-Grid.pdf

Cross –Cultural Social Work: Local and Global

Edited by Ling How Kee, Jennifer Martin and Rosaleen O'Connell
Palgrave Macmillan 2014, ISBN 9781420256802



The book *Cross-Cultural Social Work* edited by three prominent social work educators from Malaysia, Australia and Singapore is timely and contributes to our understanding of cross cultural social work practice. As it claims it engages readers to critically reflect on dominant social work theories and methods and challenge the way we think about culture.

I ask why another book on Cross Cultural Social Work! We know developing cross-cultural competencies to prepare social work students for work in the profession is an important prerequisite for social work licensure and practice in many countries. However scholars like Susan Mlcek(2013) have raised questions such as ‘are we doing enough to develop cross-cultural competencies for social work? She further asked how we can devise a relevant curriculum in the delivery of social work education that addresses the development of cross-cultural competencies. The various chapters in this book collectively provide a hopeful answer to these questions.

The book is divided in to two parts. After a good introductory chapter, part 1 of the book presents (chapters 2-7) theories and perspectives for culturally appropriate practice, education and research. As social workers try to understand diverse clients and their different worlds by moving us in different layers of race, ethnicity, religion, nationality, gender and class. In addition, many worldviews impact the cross cultural practice. This book dwells with these insights eloquently and helps the reader to enlarge his or her own stand points and understand dilemmas of one’s own behavior.

Part 1 of this book presents theories and perspectives for culturally appropriate social work practice which adds to the richness of the book, particularly chapter three dwells on cultural competence- a critical analysis and reminds the reader that ‘it would be easy to dismiss cultural competence out of hand as policy rhetoric, especially given the gulf between the rhetoric and reality on the ground’ (p.45).

The part 2 of the book contains six chapters (chapters 8-13) presenting in-depth analysis and approaches to working with cultural diverse groups and practice areas. I struggled a bit to find the clear links between the cross cultural social work practices or approaches used by the authors themselves or other practitioners in the selected areas of Marginalized Indigenous Communities (Chapter 8), Social entrepreneurship (chapter 9), Old Refugees (chapter 10), End of life issues (chapter 11) and International adoption (chapter 12). I felt that the authors of the chapters have tried their best to provide the readers the evidence on how cross cultural social work practices have been used or needed while working with different populations or in a particular sector, there still lacks the coherence and evidence. This is perhaps one of the limitations of an edited book with diverse authors.

To conclude, the sections on reflective questions and further reading in addition to references are a real addition to each chapter and to the book as a whole. This timely edited volume adds value to the existing literature on cross cultural issues in social work. I strongly recommend this book for social work educators, practitioners, researchers and students from and beyond the Asia and the Pacific.

Community Work :

Theories, Experiences & Challenges



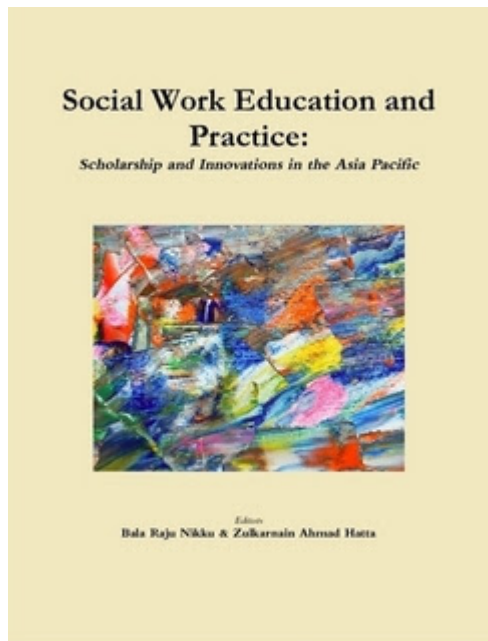
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Kalpana Goel, Venkat Pulla, Abraham P. Francis



Social Work Education and Practice: Scholarship and Innovations in the Asia Pacific

By Nikku Bala Raju, Hatta Zulkarnain Ahmad



Social work as a body of knowledge is and should be in a constant state of dynamism. No region, theory or model should claim exclusivity to the profession and new ideas viz-a-viz ‘innovations’ have to be viewed as adding to the richness of that body. In writing this book the authors aim to highlight how important it is, across the globe, to advance society via the classroom. The book’s editors argue that one has only to summon the courage to challenge existing and dominant paradigms and models to begin to enhance the field of social work. This book shares a range of innovations that are taking place in schools of social work in universities in the Asia Pacific region. The book focuses on exemplifying innovation in social work and its associated scholarship.

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Call for Papers for Special Issue December, 2014 With focus on

Subjects Coverage

- How do collaborations and advocacy strategies effectively engage varied stakeholders to enlarge the scope of entitlements for inclusive governance and improve forms of self help approaches?
- How would growing interface of state and non state players look like while addressing the challenges of equity and development with social justice?
- What would it mean to us when we use phrases like greening of academics, integrating spirituality with social animation, and use of indigenous knowledge in conflict resolution and peace building?
- What growing hope in strengthening social work and human services in our societies comprise of?
- What are some of the best practices of collective action and participatory governance structures based on enabling environments for people from diverse cultural backgrounds that provide new source of learning and building social work?

Submission Requirements

Abstracts need to be sent for this special issue: before 15 August, 2014. and the Chief Editor will then advise the acceptance of the abstracts by 5th of September, 2014.

Articles must be submitted by 30th September, and we expect finalization of all articles by October 30th 2014.

The Journal reserves the right to publish the articles in either the special or subsequent editions.

December, 2014 Special Issue will deal with Community Empowerment, Coping, Resilience and Hope.

This issue will be edited by Pallassana Balgopal, Venkat Pulla, Ilango Ponnuswami, Vinita Pandey.

This global conversation on coping, resilience and hope, community empowerment and strengths based practice began in Hyderabad in India in the year 2006 and returns in 2014 to the same city. To commemorate this, the International Journal of Social Work and Human Services Practice will bring out a special edition.

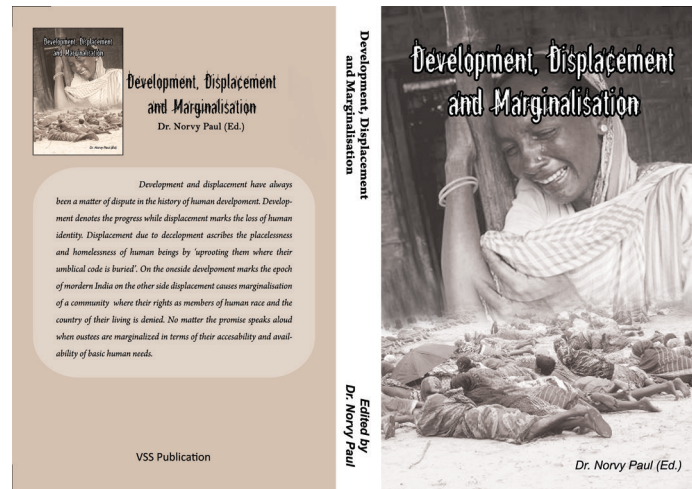
If you wish to write a special article and wish to discuss participation in the conference please write to the Chief Editor Dr Venkat Pulla.

The human creativity incessantly working out solutions ought to be acknowledged, celebrated. We aim recognizing every innovation that occurs. We recognize that there are coping solutions just as there are resilience building strategies. For some, the will to never give up and the will to bounce back might be considered as resilience. We want to see the concepts of resilience explained in a fresh perspective.

Resilience and coping efforts that enable people in crisis need focus to build knowledge and skills to empower society as a whole and at an individual level to redefine their individual and collective future. This is also necessary for revisiting their identities and ensuring state responses for protection of human rights and to create a social order that will curb the current crisis.

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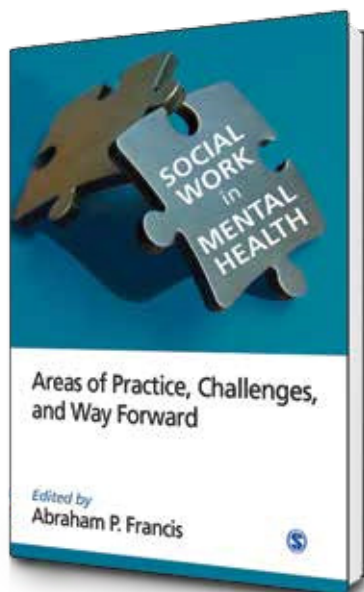
How Social Workers have engaged as practitioners in mental health services?

Delve into the current roles of social workers within the spectrum of mental health services, necessary education and knowledge base and its future directions!

Social Work in Mental Health

Edited by Abraham P Francis

Social Work in Mental Health brings together a range of scholarly reflections and writings on the different roles of a social worker in the field of mental health.



Areas of Practice, Challenges and Way Forward

Areas of Practice, Challenges and Way Forward offers the readers an exposure to the many different contexts within which social workers come into contact with those experiencing mental health concerns. The specific needs for particular community groups, including children, young and older people, are identified. It allows the reader to consider where social work practice is headed in future years: hopes, intentions, challenges and directions.

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