



Monday, 31 August 2026

09:00 – 10:00

Registration

10:00 – 10:30

Opening of the TiSSA Plenum Conference *Aula E*

Rudi Roose – Chair of The international Social Work and Society Academy

Anna Odrowaz-Coates – The Maria Grzegorzewska University (APS)

Ceremony Hans-Uwe Otto Social Work PhD Award

10:30 – 12:00

Keynote Session

Introduction to the conference theme – *Rudi Roose*

Ethnographic Perspectives on Consequences of Social Work – *Chantal Munsch*

Lunch Break

13:00 – 15:00

6 Parallel Sessions

Youth care logics	Violence and Recognition	Social Pedagogy and Lifeworld Narratives	Child protection	Social Work, Social Pedagogy and Education	Symposium
<i>Aula E</i> <i>Chair: Elisabeth Thomas</i>	<i>Aula D</i> <i>Chair: Susanne Lang</i>	<i>Room 4111</i> <i>Chair: Anna Lena Rademaker</i>	<i>Room 4112</i> <i>Chair: Sara Teresa Tornielli</i>	<i>Room 4113</i> <i>Chair: Katrin Naumann</i>	<i>Room 4126</i>
Postponed Praxis and Deferred Change? Professionals Imagining the Future of Residential Care - <i>Toon Benoot</i>	Who's to Blame: Female and Male Rape Myths in Italy and Germany - <i>Nicol Ellecosta</i>	The Voice of the "Present Absentee": Reflective Research on Strategies of Resistance and Social Change Against Institutional Oppression in Academia - <i>Ibrahim Mahajne</i>	Towards a new understanding of impact in child protection services - the struggle of municipal network cooperation in Germany - <i>Amy-Louise Buse</i>	Implementing antiracist competences in teacher training through action research - <i>Anna Aluffi Pentini</i>	Social workers and social movements - theoretical and empirical advances – <i>Håvard Aaslund, Christian Kjeldsrup, Kathrin Schulze, Jessica Toft & Rudi Roose</i>
Young vulnerable transpersons' meeting with welfare professionals - <i>Filip Mujinovic</i>	Moments of democratization in qualitative social research - <i>Frederike Weiß</i>	Transdisciplinarity and transformation in co-creative processes with children and youth – <i>Anna Lena Rademaker, Carlo Fabian, & Alexandra Engel</i>	“They keep doing what they know won't work”: a search through practice for transforming institutional logics in child welfare and protection - <i>Dries Cautreels</i>	School Attendance Problems as a Probationary Field for Professional School Social Work - <i>Lara Bokelmann</i>	
Normalisation: a critical discourse towards a social-pedagogical Dutch youth care - <i>Rogier Kattenberg</i>	“Hearing Us Changes the Story”: Young Arab-Palestinian Women's Reflections on Research Findings on Childhood Abuse and Barriers to Service Use in Israel - <i>Shira Pagorek Eshel & Raghda Alnabilsy</i>		The Mirage of Social Work Reform - A Documentary Analysis of the Structural Reorganizations of the General Directorate of Social Work and Child Protection of Sector 5, Bucharest - <i>Florina Corina Constantin</i>	The Necessity of School Social Workers in Educational Institutions in Thailand - <i>Madee Limsakul</i>	
'School Fit' as a Relational Achievement: Reconstructing Educational Responsibility in Residential Care - <i>Elisabeth Thomas</i>	From Disclosure to Empowerment? Vireal-Digital and Performative Narratives on Childhood Sexual Violence - <i>Susanne Lang</i>		Italian regional differences and child protection: how does the history of Italian reunification impact child protection today? - <i>Sara Teresa Tornielli</i>	Making Collaboration Work: Coordinating Professional Learning Communities Across Disciplines in Higher Education. Lessons Learned from a Qualitative Group Interview Study - <i>Katrin Naumann & Markus Lohse</i>	

Coffee Break

15:30 – 17:30

6 Parallel Sessions

Child Protection, Power and Participation	Critical Professional Education	Professional Identity and Organisations	Social Work, Social Pedagogy and Experiential Knowledge	Social Work, Social Pedagogy and Research Impact	Social Work, Youth Care, and Politics of Change
<i>Aula E</i> <i>Chair: Ursula Leuthold</i>	<i>Room Aula D</i> <i>Chair: Mira Välimaa</i>	<i>Room 4111</i> <i>Chair: Susanne Vaudt</i>	<i>Room 4112</i> <i>Chair: Iris Bauer</i>	<i>Room 4113</i> <i>Chair: Liesbeth Naessens</i>	<i>Room 4126</i> <i>Chair: Jana Katharina Bürger</i>
Power-critical perspectives in the analysis of categorisation practices in youth welfare services - <i>Pascal Bastian</i>	Reimagining Group Supervision as a Transformative Space in Social Work Education - <i>Avital Kaye Tzadok</i>	Social Change in Social Work Organisations: Empirical Findings on Leadership and Management Practices in the Face of (Sexualised) Violence - <i>Fabienne André, Sarah Henn & Fabian Kessl</i>	User perspectives as knowledge production - a driving force to develop social work and social work research. How to make visions to reality and sustainable experiences - <i>Maja Andersen</i>	Conducting engaged research in the context of a cross-national project: Reflections on finding your own voice while still fulfilling project deliverables - <i>Bas Dikmans</i>	Bridging the Gap? Post-Migrant Perspectives on Structural Inequities in Child and Youth Welfare - <i>Inga Selent</i>
Context Counts: Improving the analysis of intersectional socio-economic contexts in Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews - <i>Anna Gupta</i>	Radical Social Work Pedagogy as Research Impact: A Reflexive Study of Teaching Human Rights and Social Movements in Social Work Education - <i>Konstantinos Kolovos</i>	Preparedness for Professional Practice: Perspectives of Graduating Social Work Students - <i>Georgiana Cristina Rentea</i>	From Lived Experience to Pedagogical Transformation: Integrating Young Women's Knowledge into Social Work Education through Theatre-Based Practice - <i>Nour Shimei</i>	Reconfiguring Knowledge Production and Impact in Social Work Research and Pedagogy: The Merging of Knowledge Model - <i>Jordan Shaibe & Orna Shemer</i>	Social Work as an Agent of Change in the Integration Pathways of Unaccompanied Foreign Minors (UFMs): A Critical Study of the Misalignment between Migratory Needs and the Structures of the Reception System - <i>Irene Dal Ben, Vincenzo Salerno and Ornella Vidoni</i>
Categories of epistemic agents building testimonial trust and distrust in relations between children, parents, and social workers in child protection - <i>Joni Lähde</i>	Defending Inclusion: Practices of Knowledge Production in Social Pedagogy and Education Research in Germany and the U.S. - <i>Steffen Geiger</i>	Social Work: A Blurred Concept. The Questionable Image of Social Work - <i>Daniela Cornelia Stix</i>	No 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle' without 'Redistribute, Recognize, Represent' - <i>Birgit Goris & Caro Bridts</i>	Researching for Social Change? Power, Trust and Positionality in Social Work Research - <i>Laura Wenzel, Vanessa Schwenker, Claire Woods & Philipp Sandermann</i>	What Counts as Independence? Family Responsibility, Support, and Recognition in Family Reunification - <i>Jana Katharina Bürger & Veronika Rosenberger</i>
The right to participate in child protection: farce or voice - <i>Ursula Leuthold</i>	Cultivating critical professional agency: reflective and dialogical practices in social work education - <i>Mira Välimaa</i>	Self-care strategies in mixed-aged teams with young social workers: When is it too much, when too little? - <i>Susanne Vaudt</i>	From Expertocracy to Shared Responsibility: How Experiential Knowledge Creates Transformative Impact - <i>Iris Bauer & Tatevik Mamajanyan</i>	Realist Evaluation in Reintegration: Exploring Opportunities in an Uphill Battle - <i>Liesbeth Naessens</i>	





Tuesday, 1 September 2026

‘National Day’

09:00 – 09:30

Opening Session *Aula C Korczak’s Hall (building C)*

Anna Odrowaz-Coates – UNESCO Chair in Social Pedagogy, Head of Doctoral School

Anna Perkowska Klejman – Head of Discipline & Social Pedagogy Department

Joanna Madalinska-Michalak – University of Warsaw

09:30 – 10:30

Keynote Sessions

Directions of development and challenges of social work in Poland – *Ewa Grudziewska*

Early Diagnosis and Support for Children with ASD – *International Team Chaired by prof. Joanna Madalinska-Michalak, Dr Agnieszka-Siedler et al.*

Coffee Break

11:00 – 13:00

5 Parallel Sessions

Contemporary Polish Perspectives

Aula E
Chair: Ewa Kantowicz

Academic Teachers' Attitudes Toward State Higher Education Policy of Poland and Ukraine - *Roman Androszczuk*

The connection between the consideration of social problems by management and politics and the safeguarding of social cohesion in Poland and Germany - *Marta Czapnik-Jurak & Jörg Fischer*

Social pedagogy and social work in Poland- disciplinary and professional relations - *Ewa Kantowicz*

Contemporary Polish Perspectives

Aula D
Chair: Anna Odrowqz-Coates

The romanticisation of suffering and self-destruction in the emo subculture - an analysis of cultural discourses and narratives - *Zuzanna Chalubińska*

Who is Allowed to Narrate Inequality? Autosociobiography and the Conditions of Articulation - *Susanne Pawlewicz*

Learning to Feel “Not Enough”:A Socio-Pedagogical Perspective on Low Self-Worth in Adult Life, with Implications for Social Work - *Anna Odrowqz-Coates*

Contemporary Polish Perspectives

Room 4111
Chair: Kamila Zdanowicz-Kucharczyk

Surname and the identity of women. The patrilinear tradition of taking a husband's family name at marriage and societal changes - *Joanna Pawłowska*

Who owns social change? Institutionalisation, norms and interpretive boundaries in the Living Library - *Aneta Szarfenberg*

The daily challenges faced by foster caregivers - *Kamila Zdanowicz-Kucharczyk*

Social Work, Social Pedagogy and Community Development

Room C 4113
Chair: Elke Plovie

“That’s It” - An experiment in the everyday welfare landscape of an underprivileged neighbourhood, viewed through a socio-spatial lens - *Matthias Blondia, Evelyne Deceur, Tineke Schiettecat & Griet Roets*

Community Development as a Socio-Spatial Practice:An Ethnography of Material, Cultural, and Political Embeddedness in a Dutch Neighbourhood - *Chantal van Lieshout*

Working the in between: grassroots connectors, institutional whiteness and researcher positionality in Amsterdam Southeast - *Kelly Matthijsen & Fariël Ben Abdelaziz*

“Civil society and accessibility of primary care: brokering and advocacy for people in situations of underprotection” - *Elke Plovie*

Symposium

Room 4126

Encroaching authoritarianism, shrinking civic space and social work resistance – *Pascal Debruyne, Bart Van Bouchaute, & Jan Naert*

Lunch Break

14:00 – 16:00

6 Parallel Sessions

War, Conflict and Belonging

Aula E
Chair: Zurab Tatanashvili

Teaching Social Work in Times of War: From Neutrality to Moral and Pedagogical Responsibility - *Nuzha Allasad Alhuzail*

Identity Crisis, Coping Strategies, and Help-Seeking among Arab-Palestinian Adults in Israel Following the 7 October War - *Raghda Alnabily*

Wartime Workplace Integration Experiences of Newly Qualified Social Workers - *Yael Hochman & Einav Segev*

Contextual Drivers of Rights-Based Social Service Development for Older Adults in Georgia - *Zurab Tatanashvili*

Narratives of Harm in Youth Care

Aula D
Chair: Lore Dewanckel

Making Violence Tellable: Narratives of Harm in Child and Youth Care - *Anna Hamer*

Police contacts in residential youth care: Methodological and research-ethical reflections - *Moana Kahrmann & Tilman Lutz*

Affects in child protection: Emotional demands, affective orders and professional practice - *Samantha Stolz & Klara-Marie Niermann*

From risk to rights biographies: case file building as a pedagogical strategy in youth care - *Lore Dewanckel*

Evaluation and Evidence

Room 4111
Chair: Gavin Davidson

Night shelter evaluation as contested policy research - *Hans Grymonprez*

Accountability and learning in collective efforts to tackle homelessness: developing an ecosystem approach - *Harm Deleu*

Overcoming the Evidence Based Paradox in the Evaluation of Interventions with Homelessness: Reflections and Methodological Insights from a Practice Research Project - *Anna Zenarolla*

A systemic, social work approach to mental health data and outcomes in Northern Ireland - *Gavin Davidson*

Social Work, Social Pedagogy and Welfare Administration

Room 4112
Chair: Tuomo Kokkonen

Being normal or deviant in a digital citizenship:An interactionist perspective on handling communication with digital authorities - *Teres Hjarpe*

Creeping Zombification at Czech Labour Offices:What could be Done with Diminishing Discretion Resulting from the Digital by Default Approach? - *Jiří Mertl*

Digital leveling module for humanities and social sciences students from Ukraine - *Michael Klassen*

Social Work and the Politics of Welfare State - From Progressive Political Ethos to Administrative Mindset - *Tuomo Kokkonen*

Diversity, Identity and Justice

Room 4113
Chair: Mart Willekens

The role of educating professionals in the helping professions in reducing the stigmatisation of gender-diverse individuals - *Kath Khangpiboon*

Social-justice-informed public management: From resistance and hybridity to a pragmatic reconstruction of the critical - *Shachar Timor-Shlevin*

From Dismissal to Dialogue: Advancing Epistemic Justice and Recognising Spirituality as a Site of Social Change in Social Work and Health Care - *Patricia Carlisle*

The Social and the Cultural in Socio-Cultural Work: Neoliberal and Critical Reconfigurations of Two Foundational Concepts in Belgium (Flanders) - *Mart Willekens*

Symposium

Room 4126

Reclaiming impact: rethinking research, impact and social change – *Chris Swerts, Marianne Schapmans, Pieter Cools, Griet Verschelden & Siebren Nachtergaele*

14:30 – 16:00

Extra ‘National Day’ Workshops

Early Career Workshop – Room 1 (building C)

Writing Our Way Through the PhD: Collective Autoethnography for Wellbeing – *Magdalena Pietrzak, Ewa Duda-Maciejewska, Julia Zbróg, Jagoda Apanasewicz, Jan Gierzyński & Patrycja Mika*

APS Early-ASD Project Workshop – Aula C (building C)

Creating digital social stories as a tool of working with/for children with ASD – *Agnieszka Siedler & Ewa Odachowska-Rogalska*



Wednesday, 2 September 2026

09:00 – 10:30

Keynote Session *Aula E*

It Takes a Village to Map Social Work’s Impact: Repositioning Impact Evaluation as Interpretive and Participatory Practice – *Jan Depauw*

Research as Critical Intervention: Reflexive Effects of Studying Far-Right Influence on Social Work – *Eva Grigori & Viktória Borda*

Coffee Break

11:00 – 13:00

6 Parallel Sessions

Migration and Border Regimes

Aula E
Chair: Francesca Cirillo

What Counts as Independence?
Family Responsibility, Support, and
Recognition in Family Reunification -
Veronika Rosenberger

"And Justice for All!" Crafting
political space for social work with
illegalized migrants - *Pascal
Debruyne*

Beyond the Ideal Victim: Agency,
Recognition, and the Politics of
Labour Trafficking - *Christina Kösl*

Empowering Women in Multiethnic
Neighborhoods: A Relational Social
Work Approach to Community
Regeneration - *Francesca Cirillo*

Systems of Care – Systems of
Belonging

Aula D
Chair: Elisabeth Rass

Strengthening Thailand’s Foster Care
System: Key Success Factors and
Challenges in the Transition from
Residential Child Care to Family
Settings - *Panrat Nimtaloung*

Belonging and Barriers: Co produced
Insights on Disability and
Resettlement in Regional Australia -
Kim Robinson

From Malta to Blankenberge: Youthful
Lines of Flight in a Landscape of
Deprivation - *Caroline Vandekinderen*

Staying or Leaving: How
Relationships Influence Staff
Turnover and Employee Retention in
Services for People with Disabilities
and Challenging Behaviour - *Elisabeth
Rass*

Family Support and Coercive
Control

Room 4111
Chair: Sarah Donnelly

Understanding change in life conduct
systems: Why process research
matters for assessing impact in
outpatient family support - *Valentin
Fragen*

The Impact of Interventions by
Social Pedagogues and Social
Workers in Social Activation
Services on Parental Competencies -
Radana Kroutilová Nováková

The Systemic Coercive Bind: A
Critical Realist Analysis of the
Generative Mechanisms of Filial
Coercive Control - *Freda Quinlan*

Hidden Carer Harm across the
British Isles - A TRACE Policy
Analysis - *Sarah Donnelly*

Resistance, Voice and Social
Change

Room 4112
Chair: Martin Wagener

About to Be Doing
Biography/Interview: Positioning
negotiations in the interview
situations with German rap fans -
Celia Wolter Rodriguez

Prospects for a more human future -
the aesthetic of the possible in
transformative social work - *Elvira
Schulenberg*

From ‘service user’ to co-researcher:
A voyage in recognizing the value of
different knowledge - *Saskia De
Bruyn, Birgit Goris & Caro Bridts*

Accessibility, non-take-up and
children’s rights in social protection -
Martin Wagener

Social Work, Social Pedagogy
and Housing Justice

Room 4113
Chair: Jef Timmermans

Peer work(ers) in institutions for the
(formerly) homeless in Vienna - *Anja
Bischeltsrieder, Marianne Skopal, &
Alexander Eder*

Relational transparency as a driver of
social change in a grassroots project
for homeless young adults - *Gretl
Dons*

Action research on young homeless
adults - *Hubert Höllmüller*

Welfare bricolage at the urban
margins: navigating homelessness,
squattng and social work - *Jef
Timmermans*

Symposium

Room 4126

To act or not to act, that is the
question. Disrupting the hegemonic
order in Child Welfare and
Protection: Collective attempts to
create a counternarrative in research
and practice - *Jan Naert, Dieter
Oorlynck, Delphine Levrouw, Elke Plovie*

Lunch Break

14:00 – 16:00

5 Parallel Sessions

Youth Participation and Social
Change

Aula E
Chair: Karin Böllert

Youth perspectives and meaningful
communities as driving forces in
social work - *Maja Müller*

Building Resistance Through Culture,
Dialogue and Youth Voice - *Erika
Laredo*

“When you talk to other young
carers, we all share the same
frustration, and... Some of those
things can actually be addressed”:
young adult carers in Flanders taking
action for social change - *Lena Van
Bergen*

Young people’s engagement despite
(or in defiance of) a democracy
under threat - *Karin Böllert & Oliver
Bokelmann*

Disability and Access to
Support

Aula D
Chair: Konrad Meisner

Social Rehabilitation as a Path to
Autonomy and Empowerment: The
Role of Social Pedagogues and Social
Workers in Community-Based
Services for People with Disabilities
- *Magdalena Hanková*

Life-Course Policy Gaps in Disability
Support: Rethinking Social Impact for
Families of Persons with Autism and
Intellectual Disabilities in Romania -
Sandica Ion

Understanding the Un-Accessibility
of Self-Advocacy: Social Inequalities
and Gaps in Representation in
Residential Child and Youth Welfare -
Alexandra Klein

Supporting Access to Social Services
for People with Complex Needs:
Design Principles for Centralized
Referential Consultation Framework
- *Konrad Meisner*

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Room 4111
Chair: Nadine van der Meulen

“Expanding the Spectrum”: Insights
from the Formation of Hearing
Voices Groups - *Eyal Harel*

Integrative forms of therapy in a
Psychiatric Clinic - *Barbara Wedler*

Extreme social withdrawal - a silent
pandemic, invisible also in social
work? - *Katja Weidtmann*

Digitalization, Impact, and Social
Change: Rethinking Technostress,
Inclusion, and Research
Responsibility in Social Work -
Nadine van der Meulen

Social Work and Digitalisation

Room 4112
Chair: Marcus Weckström

Building trust in digital relationship
within Child welfare Services - *Teresa
Bertotti*

A Critical Analysis of the
Transformation of Documentation
Practices, Power Relations, and
Professional Autonomy - *Kim Bräuer*

Social Pedagogy, AI and Child Well-
being: Youth Mainstreaming and
Digital Inclusion in the Age of AI -
Egle Cilieliesine & Aukse Petruskeviciute

Techno-optimism or Technostress?
Social workers’ attitudes towards
and experiences of Artificial
Intelligence in Finland - *Marcus
Weckström*

Symposium

Room 4113

Social Practices of Belonging and
Agency in Communal Living - A
Practice Research in Germany –
*Monika Alisch, Martina Ritter, Jakob
Domke, & Madeline Brandt*

16:00 – 16:40

Keynote Session *Aula E*

Pedagogies of Solidarity: lessons from Community Schools in Latin America – *Maria Cecilia Zsögön*

16:40 – 17:00

Closing Session *Aula E*

18:30 - ...

Farewell Dinner Party

