



## “Emerging themes in social work research”

### PhD workshop in relation to the Nordic FORSA/NOUSA conference 2016

7<sup>th</sup> of November 2016 in Copenhagen at the Metropolitan University College

Society is changing rapidly and new challenges influence the welfare state and impact social work research. Challenges facing the welfare state include: Environmental changes and the impacts on the individual, community, policy and society as a whole. Migration, including forced and opportunity driven. Racial tensions, inequalities and the inability to fulfil the basic human rights welfare states pride themselves on, are challenges that accompany these large-scale human movements. Present day challenges impact social work research and require social work to expand and become active in addressing the emerging research themes. This workshop focuses on **emerging themes in social work research**. Within these emerging themes we encourage interdisciplinary research and collaboration to begin to lay the ground work for how the new generation of social work researchers can create meaningful pathways forward that are inclusive of and active in present day challenges.

This **1-day workshop** consists of sub-thematic groups where PhD students will present their research in the form of a paper and short presentation and receive in-depth feedback from their peers as well as a senior researcher. All PhD students at all stages are welcome to apply!

We welcome applications in the following themes and also encourage PhD students to apply if they perceive their PhD topic to be an emerging theme:

#### *1. Migration and Racism in Social Work research*

This workshop group concerns PhD students who focus their project on topics surrounding migration, ethnicity and race as well as racism and racialization in relation to social work research. Within this workshop, we will include a closing group discussion on the role of social work in relation to research on migration and racism.

#### *2. Green Social Work*

This workshop group concerns PhD students who focus their project on topics surrounding environmental issues, i.e. climate change, decarbonisation, disaster management (natural and man-made), and the impacts these issues have on the individual, community and society. Projects working at different structural levels (micro, meso, macro) are welcome. Within this workshop, we will include a closing group discussion on the role of social work and present day environmental challenges and the associated impacts.

#### *3. Social Policy*

This workshop will focus on the need for social work researchers to become more active in the formation of social policies. Social work researchers work within all structural levels of society but there is an increasing need for social work research to reach the policy making level. Within this workshop projects will focus on the need for interdisciplinary research and identify how social work research can be the bridge between policy and the population. Issues of policy development and implementation and the role of social work will be discussed.

#### *4. Other emerging themes*

This workshop is open to PhD students who have not found their emerging theme within the suggested workshop themes.

In order to participate an abstract of 300 words (maximum), describing the PhD project or paper to be presented needs to be submitted by **August 17<sup>th</sup> 2016** to [carolin.schutze@soch.lu.se](mailto:carolin.schutze@soch.lu.se)

Participants must hand in a completed paper of **maximum** 6000 words by **October 7<sup>th</sup> 2016**. The participants can decide what they want to focus on in the paper (idea description, theory, methods, results etc.).

The workshop is for free. The *Swedish Research School in Social Work* will cover the costs for coffee and lunch during the day. The participant must cover his/her travel expenses.

#### Confirmed Speakers and Participating Researchers:



#### **Lena Dominelli – Durham University (UK)**

Lena Dominelli, Professor of Applied Social Sciences and Academician in the Academy of the Learned Societies for Social Sciences, is an experienced educator, practitioner and researcher and has published extensively in the fields of sociology, social policy and social work.

More information: <https://www.dur.ac.uk/sass/staff/profile/?username=das0ld>



#### **Erica Righard – Malmö University (SE)**

Erica Righard, PhD, is an associate professor of social work. She holds a position as senior lecturer at the Department of Social Work and is a research fellow at Malmö Institute for Studies of Migration, Diversity and Welfare (MIM).

More information: <http://forskning.mah.se/id/hserri>

#### Preliminary Programme:

1. Welcome (9.30)
2. Opening Speech Erica Righard (9.45)
3. Participating Researchers Introductions (10:15)
4. Fika mingle 10.30
5. Group session time (10.45-12.30)
6. Lunch (12.30-13.15)
7. Group session time (13.15-16.00)
8. Closing Speech Lena Dominelli (16.00 – 16.30)
9. Dinner (optional at own costs)

#### **Important Dates:**

**August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Extended deadline for Abstract Submission**

August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 Announcement of accepted abstracts

October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Final date for Full Paper Submission

October 12<sup>th</sup> 2016 Dissemination of papers to group members for reading

November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 PhD Workshop

For questions please contact:

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See also: <http://www.nordicsocialwork2016.dk/ph-d-workshop>

#### **PhD Workshop Organizers:**

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