

Final Draft Program

August 30, Sunday

Arrival of participants and Accommodation in the city of Komotini

20.00 Welcome Dinner

August 31, Monday

9.00- 9.30 Registration

(Collection of the Key chains into a Mystery Box)

9.30 OPENING : Welcome Note

Prof. Julia Watkins, Executive Director Emerita, Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), President Emerita, American University in Bulgaria, Dennis A. and Julia M. Watkins Foundation, Global Partnerships, Collaborations and Mentoring for Educational Change co- and founding director of the Southeast Europe Academic Women's Leadership Initiative (SEEW).

Dr. Barbara W. Shank, MSW, PhD, Dean and Professor Emerita, University of St. Thomas, School of Social Work; co- and founding director of the Southeast Europe Academic Women's Leadership Initiative (SEEW). *Leading by Example*

Prof. Maria Michalopoulou, Rector of the Democritus University of Thrace

Prof. Sevasti Chatzifotiou, Dean of the Faculty Social Political & Economic Sciences

Prof. Periklis Polyzoidis, Chair of the Department of Social Work

Dimitris Tataridis, (MSc), Administrative director of the «Society of Social Psychiatry P. Sakellaropoulos»

Ioannis Rempoutzias, President of the Regional Department of Eastern Macedonia - Thrace of the Association of Greek Social Workers

10.15 Ice Breaker Exercise

11.00 Coffee Break

11.15 – 13.00: Lectures

Prof. Annamaria Campanini. *From Vision to Action: AI, Digital Platforms and the Transformation of Social Work Practice*

Prof. Kimberly Strom. *Advancing Academic Projects: Overcoming the Boundaries of Time and Location*

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00- 15.30 Lectures

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Prof. Gordana Berc. *Who me a leader?! - Social work Education and Leadership*

Prof. Rebecca Thomas & Taylor Redner, PhD Cand. (co-presenters). *The Dimensions of Preparing for Collaborative Joint International Research*

15.30-16.00 Coffee Break

16.00- 17.30 **Lectures**

Prof. Peter Szto. *Visualizing Social Welfare: Towards an East-West Practice Paradigm*

Assoc. Prof. Marsela Dauti (presenter) & **Geldona Metaj, PhD Cand.** *Politics Behind Closed Doors: Documenting Women's Mass Resignations from Local Councils*

17.30 – 18.30

Students. *Cross-National Analysis of Suicide—Prevalence, Contributing Factors, and Responses*

Moderator: Prof. Kimberly Strom

20.00 Dinner

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September 1, Tuesday

9.00- 11.00 Lectures

Assist. Prof. Erika Bejko, *Advancing Participatory Democracy: Social work and the Challenge of Local Government Responsiveness*

Assist. Prof. Elona Dhëmbo & Assoc. Prof. Marsela Sako (co-presenters) *From Exclusion to Voice: Roma Youth Participation and the Role of Social Work in Inclusive Democracies*

Prof. Sanela Bašić, Prof. Borjana Micović, & Teach. Assist. Dr. Vasva Smajlović Duranović (presenter), *Evaluating Support Services for Women Victims of Gender-Based Violence in the Canton of Sarajevo*.

11.00 -11.30 Coffee break

11.30 – 13.00 Lectures

Prof. Anida Dudić-Sijamija, *Youth Mental Health in Bosnia and Herzegovina in the Context of Social Crises: Challenges and Opportunities for Counselling Practice*

Dr. Carlotta Mozzone, *Beyond Disadvantage: Social Capital and Upward Mobility Among Second-Generation Youth*

Assoc. Prof. Irene Katsama, *Risk and Protective Factors of Positive School Climate: Primary Student's and Teacher's Perspective*

13.00- 14.00 Lunch

14.00 - 15.30 Workshop

Prof. Carmen Luca Sugawara, Prof. Vjollca Krasniqi, Prof. Kim Strom & Prof. Sanela Bašić, *Research Ethics in Post-War Contexts*

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee Break

16.00 - 18.00 Lectures

Prof. Darja Zaviršek, *Authoritarianism: A Danger for Social Work*

Assoc. Prof. Oksana Boyko & Assoc. Prof. Nadiia Kabachenko, *Social Workers' Resilience During the War*

BOOK PRESENTATION : *"Social Work in the War-Torn Contexts: From Then It Was Not Peace Anymore*. Sula Ramon & Darja Zaviršek (Eds), Springer, 2025¹.

Moderator: **Prof. Darja Zaviršek**

Presenters: **Prof. Sanela Bašić (tbc), Assoc. Prof. Oksana Boyko, Assoc. Prof. Nadja Kabačenko**

¹ Flyer_978-3-031-88788-8.pdf
link.springer.com/book/9783031887888

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18.00 – 18.45 :

Prof. Agapi Kandylaki. *Critical social work and “group working in partnership : Accounts of Muslim Roma recalling childhood experiences on creativity and inclusion*

20.00 dinner

September 2, Wednesday

Visit to Mental Health Community Services in Alexandroupolis

8.30 Departure from Komotini by bus, 50 min. journey to Alexandroupolis

10.00 Visiting «Society of Social Psychiatry P. Sakellaropoulos» (<https://ekpse.gr/en>)

The farm/ The field

Mobile Mental Health Units (MMHU)

Day Centre

Psychosocial Rehabilitation Unit, 7, 40 Ekklesion str. Alexandroupolis.

Teams of 6–10, mixing faculty and students. will move through the locations (identify any visible markers of stigma, ethnic or cultural identity such as signs in multiple languages, religious symbols).

13.15 Light lunch

14.00 Visit to the Archeological Museum of Alexandroupolis

<https://www.am-alexandroupolis.gr/dashboard/mini-dashboard>

15.30 Free afternoon Seaside area – swimming at the Alexandroupolis Municipal Beach.

18.00 Departure from Alexandroupolis by bus, 50 min journey to Komotini.

20.00 Dinner

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September 3, Thursday

9.00- 9.45 **Lecture**

Assist. Prof. Zacharoula Kasseri. *From stigma to advocacy: Individuals and families affected by addiction in social work practice*

9.45- 10.45 **Workshop**

Head Assist. Prof. Teodorina Milusheva, & Assoc. Prof. Rossitsa Simeonova. *Harm Reduction and the Boundaries of Social Work: Ethics, Community and Practice*

10.45 - 11.15

Assist. Prof. Elmira Nesheva, PhD student - *The need of social work long-term support and interventions for people who use drugs*

11.15 -11.30 Coffee Break

11.30 – **Keynote**

Prof. Emer. Maria Petmezidou. *The Climate-Welfare Frontier: Vulnerability and Social Risk in Southern Europe*

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00- 15.30 **Lectures**

Prof. Shirley Gatenio Gabel *Seeking Justice for Children: A Framework for Understanding Child and Family Policy*

Prof. Suzana Bornarova *Biological Family Vulnerabilities and Child Placement into Alternative Care: Evidence from North Macedonia*

15.30-16.00 Coffee Break.

16.00 – 16.40

Assoc Prof. Stavros Fragkos, *Beyond Access: Rethinking Social Inclusion for Disabled Students and Vulnerable Groups in Higher Education*

16.40- 18.00 **Book Presentation**

International Handbook of Social Work. Jorge Garcés Ferrer, Annamaria Campanini, Francisco Ródenas Rigla (eds) Spain: Editorial Tirant Lo Blanch. 2025²

Moderator : **Prof. AnnaMaria Campanini**

Presenters:

² <https://editorial.tirant.com/es/libro/international-handbook-of-social-work-jorge-garces-ferrer-9788410813465?busqueda=International+Handbook+of+Social+Work&>

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Assoc. Prof. Dr. Oksana Boyko & Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nadiia Kabachenko, Ukraine

Prof. Dr. Gordana Berc - Croatia

Dr. Carlotta Mozzone - Italy

Prof. Emer. Theano Kallinikaki - Greece

18.00 Boarding to a Bus, 25 min. journey to the Hill of Nymphaea

Enjoy the Sunset

20.00 Good Bye Dinner at the Hill of Nymphaea

22.00 Boarding the bus to Komotini

September 4, Friday

8.30

Invited meeting of the SEEW Board

9.30 - 10.15

Assist. Prof. Kaltrina Kusari. *Using Postcolonial and Transnational Feminist Frameworks to Map Gendered Experiences of Migration*

10.15 - 11.00

Students' Joint Presentation. *"Cross-National Analysis of Suicide—Prevalence, Contributing Factors, and Responses»*

Moderator: Kim Strom

11.00 Coffee Break

11.30 – 13.00 **Conclusions - Next Summer School**

Closing – Certifications

13.00 Lunch

14.00 Free Time

20.00 Dinner

VENUE:

Democritus University of Thrace

Department of Social Work (class room A1)

P. Tsaldari 1, Komotini (centre of the city)

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