***School of Social Work Theory and Practice***

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June session: ***16.6. – 20.6.2025***

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| Transversal topics:   * + Lived experience and peer support – the source for social work   + Being there – working through: on existence, hope and purpose in social work   + Social work in the face of global crises   + Radical social work resistance to right-wing discourses and authoritarian politics |

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| **General outline** | **09:00–10:30**  **Joint sessions** (slot 1 – plenary lectures, panel discussions, assemblies) | 10:30–11:00  Break | **11:00–12:30**  **Parallel sessions** (slot 2 – two or three parallel sessions – presentations, symposia, workshops etc. | 12:30–13:15  Lunch break | **13:15–14:15 (1 hour)**  **Parallel sessions** (slot 3 – two or three parallel sessions – presentations, symposia, workshops etc. | 14.15–14.30  Break | 14:30–16.00  Special interest groups daily sessions (slot 4 – reflection, digestion and discussion of the day’s proceedings in ‘course groups’) |
| **Monday 16th – late beginning** (different schedule) | **10:00–11:30** *Introduction* and welcome;  Programme planning for the Week | 11.30–12:00  Break | 12:00–13:00  **Paul Michael Garrett:** *Dissenting social work* | 13:00–13:45  Lunch break | 14.00–15.00  Parallel sessions   1. **SESSION (Room 5):**   Short break in fostering: the role of the community in developing support in foster care = ***Iva Pekčec, Gordana Horvat***   1. **SESSION (Room 6):**   Social workers reflections on their profession = ***Nina Skjefstad*** WORKSHOP  Reflections on ethical dilemmas in working with older people = ***Suzana Tomašević*** |  | **15:00–16.00**  Special interest groups |
| **Tuesday 17th** | **9.00 – 10.30**  **Vito Flaker:** *Human ground of social work: exploring basic operations and contradictions of the profession[[1]](#footnote-1)* | 10:30–11:00  break | **11:00–12:30**  Parallel sessions   1. **SESSION (Room 5):**   The Importance of Involving Family Members of People with Dementia in Dementia- Related Research = ***Melani Forintić***   1. **SESION (Room 6):**   The concept of (social work) Case Management (CM): tasks – use – effect and outcome = ***Corin Schiegl, Irmgrad Schroll-Decker*** | 12:30–13:15  Lunch break | **13:15–14:15**  Parallel sessions (1 hour)   1. **SESSION (Room 5):**   From service users to co-creators: Rethinking participation in social work = ***Valentina Kozjak***  Balancing Autonomy and Care: The Role and Challenges of Social Workers in Supporting Older People in Croatia = ***Ana Lozina***   1. **SESION (Room 6):**   Advocacy deinstitualization in Slovenia. The role of independent advocacy services = ***Jošt Cafuta Maček***  Current Psychiatric Critiques of Psychiatry and their Significance for Social Work **= *Barbara Drole*** | 14.15–14.30  Break | **14:30–16.00**  Special interest groups |
| **Wednesday 18th** | **9:30 – 10.30**  **Jana Mali:** *Creating an age-friendly environment by peer supported learning* | 10:30–11:00  Break | **11.00 – 12.30**  Parallel sessions   1. **SESSION (Room 5):**   Adversities and Social Support Networks in the Transition to Parenthood = ***Anja Bohinec***   1. **SESION (Room 6):**   Do experts know what is best for beneficiaries? = ***Dajana Toumeh Ravlija, Katarina Ljeljak*** | 12:30–13:15  Lunch break | **13:15–14:15**  Parallel sessions (1 hour)   1. **SESSION (Room 5):**   Mezzo-Level of Social Work with People with Dementia in Slovenia **= *Anže Štrancar***  Violence against the elderly people ***= Mirza Drežnjak***   1. **SESION (Room 6):**   4th International Scientific Conference „Child in focus – family in social changes = ***Anita Begić***  Effectiveness of public policies of non-governmental organizations in the protection of women victims of domestic violence in the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina = ***Aldijana Trbonja-Tule*** | 14.15–14.30  Break | **14:30–16.00**  Special interest groups |
| **Thursday 19th**  (different schedule) | **10:00 departure**? Fieldwork on an island |  | **app. 11:00–13:00 Parallel sessions**  (preferably workshops)  ***Dragana Grujović workshop*** | 13:00–13:45  Lunch break | free activities |  | **18:00 return?** |
| **Friday 20th** (different schedule) | **09:00–10:30**  **PANEL DISCUSION (moderator Sabina Bodin Hadžibulić):**  **Jovana Škorić, Nino Žganec:** *Resisting authoritarianism in Serbia* | 10:30–11:00  Break | **11:00–12:00**  **Parallel sessions**   1. **SESSION (Room 5):**   Community and Belonging among New Converts in the Catholic Church in Norway = ***Marie Florence Moufack***   1. **SESION (Room 6):**   Basic operations of social work = ***Vito Flaker*** | **/** | **12:00–13:30**  Concluding plenary, assembly |  |  |

Idea of the open space symposia frame: http://www.openspaceworld.com/brief\_history.htm

**ABSTRACTS (in book of abstracts):**

4th International Scientific Conference „Child in focus – family in social changes - Name and Surname: Anita Begić

Adversities and Social Support Networks in the Transition to Parenthood - Name and Surname: Anja Bohinec

Violence against the elderly people - Name and Surname: Mirza Drežnjak

Current Psychiatric Critiques of Psychiatry and their Significance for Social Work - Name and Surname: Barbara Drole - **WORKSHOP**

The Importance of Involving Family Members of People with Dementia in Dementia- Related Research - Name and Surname: Melani Forintić

From service users to co-creators: Rethinking participation in social work - Name and Surname: Valentina Kozjak

“Balancing Autonomy and Care: The Role and Challenges of Social Workers in Supporting Older People in Croatia" - Name and Surname: Ana Lozina

Creating an Age-friendly Faculty: the example of Wise Faculty as peer support learning - Name and Surname: prof. Jana Mali

"Community and Belonging among New Converts in the Catholic Church in Norway" - Name and Surname: Marie Florence Moufack

Short break in fostering: the role of the community in developing support in foster care - Name and Surname: Iva Pekčec, Gordana Horvat

The concept of (social work) Case Management (CM): tasks – use – effect and outcome - Name and Surname: Dr. Schiegl, Corina und Dr. Schroll-Decker, Irmgard

«Social workers reflections on their profession» - Name and Surname: Nina Skjefstad **WORKSHOP**

Mezzo-Level of Social Work with People with Dementia in Slovenia - Name and Surname: Anže Štrancar

Reflections on ethical dilemmas in working with older people - Name and Surname: Suzana Tomašević, PhD student

Do experts know what is best for beneficiaries? - Name and Surname: mag.act.soc. Dajana Toumeh Ravlija, univ.bacc.act.soc. Katarina Ljeljak

Effectiveness of public policies of non-governmental organizations in the protection of women victims of domestic violence in the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina - Name and Surname: Aldijana Trbonja-Tule, PhD student

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1. Flaker, V. (2025). *Basic operations of social work*. Ljubljana: University of Ljubljana Press. DOI: [10.51741/9789612975616](https://dx.doi.org/10.51741/9789612975616).

   Flaker, V. (2024). *Temeljne operacije socialnega dela: Prispevki k taksonomiji socialnega dela in varstva 2. del.* Ljubljana: Fakulteta za socialno delo. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.51741/9789612974350> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)