

School of Social Work Theory and Practice, Inter-university centre, Dubrovnik

Calls for papers and participation

Social work resistance Ω

Care for change

Conference

September 1st–3rd 2026

(With satellite events August 31st – September 4th)

Time	Monday 31 st August Satellite events (optional)	Tuesday 1 st September Against oppression	Wednesday 2 nd September The Real Utopias	Thursday 3 rd September Ways of resistance Ω	Friday 4 th September Satellite events (optional)
09.00-9.45	Students BIP programme	Welcome and introductions, Vito Flaker Paul Michael Garrett: Brighter services for humanity'? Thinking about AI, corporate hype and social work in the 2020s	Ksenija Napan: Communities of care as resistance to death economies of predatory capitalism and as a revival of planetary wellbeing	Michaela Moser, Denitsa Markova, Kaja Zoran: Keeping the Long Breath: Care, Courage & Collective Resistance in Social Work	
09.45-10.00		Break	Break	Break	
10.00-11.00		Panel	Plenary Part 2	Plenary Part 2	

11.00-11.15	Break	Break	Break	- Students BIP programme Cafuta Maček Jošt: Use Your Voice (and Your Body): Advocacy, Resistance and (Theatre) Improvisation in Social Work Grujovic Dragana: Togetherness, Meaning and Resilience - after conference celebration on an island
11.15-12.45 90'				
	Session 1.1 Štrancar Anže: What older adults say and what caregivers see — perspectives on violence against older people in Slovenia Benvenga Luca: Individualisation and Care: Dynamics of Emotional and Sentimental Labour in Residential Contexts for Older Adults Lebid Maryna, Laura Allinger; Michaela Moser: Care Councils as Local Tools to Combat Care Inequality and Social Exclusion	Session 2.1 Reckinger Gilles: World Citizens without Rights. Anthropological Perspectives on a Phenomenon to Come Nilsen Marianne, Marie Florence Moufack: Highly Educated, Yet Excluded? Paradoxes of Empowerment in Migrant Integration Valentina Kozjak Đura i Tea Ritoša: Listening to Minority Women: Lived Experience as a basis for more inclusive support systems	Session 3.1 Moufack Marie Florence: Religion, Casework and Resistance: Sharing Practice-Based Dilemmas for Social Work Education and Practice Škorić Jovana: Anatomy of the Plenum: Participation and Practices of Care in Serbian Student Blockades Ratajc Simona: Advocacy and Support Decision in Community Care Services	
	Session 1.2 Guštin Matko: The role of social welfare authorities in the assessment of potential adoptive parents from Croatia and a comparative perspective Herceg Pakšić Barbara, Ljiljana Širić, Leonora	Session 2.2 Dolinšek Tatjana, Tabaj Aleksandra: Work-Related Stress, Job Satisfaction, Burnout, and Coping Strategies among Professionals in Vocational Rehabilitation	Session 3.2 Hazibar Kerstin: Counselling from an Anti-Racist Perspective: Power Relations, Professionalisation and Reflexivity in Social Work Lozina Ana: Ethics of Practice in Social Work and the Oppression of Social Workers	

	Repinac, Kristina Kovačić: Peer Violence in the Klasje Community Service Centre (Osijek, Croatia) – Preliminary Insights Dedic Vanja: The Potential of Theatre of the Oppressed in Social Work with Young People and Vulnerable Groups	Bohinec Monika: Self-Care: Individualisation and Therapeutisation of Self-Realisation for Endless Productivity, or a Practice of Freedom? Vida Anikó: Between Tacit Acceptance and Tacit Resilience: Safeguarding Human Rights in Social Work Practice	Schreiner Timo: Resistance Against Ourselves? – On the Critique of Addressing Practices Between Research and Practice
	Session 1.3 Begić Anita, Gordana Horvat: Living with Dementia in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Evaluation of Resource-Oriented Support Models for People with Dementia and Family Caregivers Jana Mali, Klara Mestek, Anže Štrancar: Human Rights in Dementia Policy: A Mapping of European and International Sources Tomašević Suzana: Opportunities for Developing Care for Older People in the Local Community – An Example from Croatia	Session 2.3 Marijana Kletečki Radović, Valentina Kozjak Đura, Koraljka Modić Stanke i Matea Kramarić: New Perspectives on Mental Health: Implications for Social Work Practice Matthew Jackman: International Mad Movements: perspectives from lived experience advocates Susanne Iris Bauer: EX-IN as Colleagues in German social psychiatric supply – results from research and insights from practice	Session 3.3 Sandor Meleg: Can we change the social policy of an illiberal-populist regime? Nino Žganec: Let's Organise, Let's Develop: Social Work and Community Development Through Sport and Art Mezzina Roberto: Non-restraint – a global (WHO) policy Gordana Horvat, Jelena Matanić: Ethical aspects in social work research - challenges and dilemmas

12.45-13.15		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
13.15-14.45 90'				
		WS 1.1 Amina Hamdaoui, Anne Koolhof, Meike Zwaan, Mina Babovic & Nilab Ahmadi: Cultural Perspectives on Social Work: An Interactive Mentimeter Workshop	WS 2.1 Mali Jana: Possibilities and opportunities for establishing an age-friendly university at the School of Social Work Theory and Practice at IUC Dubrovnik Jošt Cafuta Maček, Vito Flaker, Roberto Mezzina: Community as resistance to institutions	WS 3.1 Zwijnenburg Jenny: Catalysing mutual aid
		WS 1.2 Biere Steven: Researching Discrimination in Hierarchical Care Settings: Participatory Approaches	WS 2.2 Bruijns-Shoblak Ronja: Intention versus impact: teams with lived experience	WS 3.2 Stein Christian: Researching Discrimination in Hierarchical Care Settings: Methodological Challenges
		WS 1.3 Skjefstad Nina: Staying True to Values: Exercising Professional Judgement in Social Work in challenging times	WS 2.3 Ritoša Tea: Between Tech and Tenderness	WS 3.3 Vito Flaker: Points and planes of resistance (Ω)
14.45-15.00		Break	Break	Break
15.00-16.00		Assembly	Assembly	Assembly
19.00-20.00	19.00 Welcome assembly			

