



The **European Research Institute for Social Work** is an University Institute within the University of Ostrava which is closely connected with the Faculty of Social Studies and based on a **formal partnership agreement with 6 other European universities** and informal cooperation between more than one hundred European colleagues and universities.

## THE AIMS OF THE INSTITUTE

The aim of the European Research Institute and its partner universities across Europe is to intensify research activities in social work in Europe, especially:

- to undertake scientific research and systematic review in all relevant fields
- to build up a database of information based on systematic inquiry
- to facilitate the professional development of research students and academic staff
- to offer expertise across Europe to politicians and agencies
- to provide knowledge for developing best practice across Europe
- to offer knowledge and skills development for management and practitioners

## FORMAL PARTNER UNIVERSITIES OF THE INSTITUTE

-  University of Ostrava (CZ)
-  Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt (D)
-  University of Hertfordshire (GB)
-  Catholic University of Lille (F)
-  University of Eastern Finland (Fin)
-  Trnava University (SK)
-  Catholic University of Applied Sciences of North Rhine Westphalia (D)

These partner institutes serve to reinforce the European perspective of the Institute, the assurance of high quality within the different research and project tasks, and also to facilitate the development of transnational projects and activities.

## ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTE

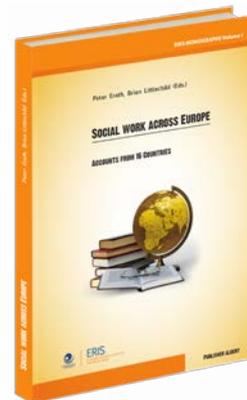
Apart from its founding members, ERIS also has associate members. Both legal entities and individuals whose activities are related to education and research within the sphere of social work can become associate members. The full list of these associates can be found at: [www.eris.osu.eu](http://www.eris.osu.eu)

## ANNUAL CONFERENCES

Annual ERIS conferences are held in October in one of the partner universities:

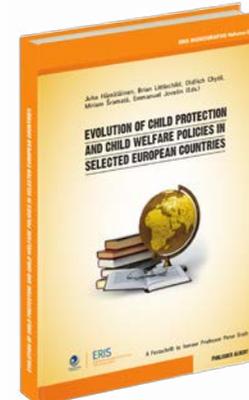
Year	Partner university	Title
2007	Trnava University	Social work in the context of an interdisciplinary team
2008	Trnava University	Research into Practice – Knowledge Transfer for Social Work Practitioners and Managers
2009	Trnava University	Social Work in between Privatization and the Public Sector
2010	Catholic University of Applied Sciences of North Rhine Westphalia	Social Work and Diversity
2011	Catholic University of Eichstätt – Ingolstadt	Transnational convergence, diffusion and transfer in social policy and social work
2012	University of Eastern Finland	Constructing European Social Welfare and Social Work in the Midst of Diverse Traditions, Policies and Practices
2013	Trnava University	Social Work Identity in Europe - An Academic and Professional Debate
2014	University of Hertfordshire	Research and social work practice - mutually beneficial endeavor or uneasy bedfellows?

## ERIS PUBLICATIONS



*Peter Erath,  
Brian Littlechild:*

**SOCIAL WORK  
ACROSS EUROPE**



*Juha Hämäläinen,  
Brian Littlechild,  
Oldřich Chytil,  
Miriam Šramatá,  
Emmanuel Jovelin (Eds.):*

**EVOLUTION OF  
CHILD PROTECTION  
AND CHILD WELFARE  
POLICIES IN SELECTED  
EUROPEAN COUNTRIES**



*Juha Hämäläinen, Brian Littlechild,  
Marie Špiláčková (Eds.):*

**SOCIAL WORK RESEARCH  
ACROSS EUROPE:  
METHODOLOGICAL POSITIONS  
AND RESEARCH PRACTICE –  
PART I. + PART II.**

## ERIS RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

ERIS is at the forefront of developing social work research capacity across Europe, using the excellent expertise and commitment in each partner university to collaborate on such research. It has been very productive in making **research bids**, **books**, an annual **European wide conference** on social work research, **ERIS Web Journal**, an annual **Spring School** for Masters and PhD candidates, and a **Dissertation and PhD databank**.

ERIS recently submitted its most recent bid to the EU's Horizon 2020 research Programme called SOLID@ITY, that proposed examining means towards developing solidary, innovative, dynamic and cohesive cities, by measuring, analyzing and identifying innovative policies and practices in different European countries.

## ERIS WEB JOURNAL

The ERIS Web Journal is a peer reviewed scientific journal published from contributors from the social work research field across Europe. Its focus is on theory and practice of social work in Europe and its aim is according to the philosophy of the European Research Institute for Social Work as a multidisciplinary institute to advance theory building and research as well as knowledge transfer within the sector of social intervention in Europe.

## SPRING SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS AND YOUNG ACADEMICS

The ERIS Spring School takes place annually in April and offers PhD and Masters students in social work in Europe the opportunity to present their theses or developing research work in an authentic European academic atmosphere and to get feedback on their developing work from social work academics and students based in different European countries.



### WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN ERIS?

If you represent an institute or organization and would like to collaborate with ERIS on a formal level, please visit our website for more information: [www.eris.osu.eu](http://www.eris.osu.eu)

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