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BUILDING RESILIENCE IN SOCIAL WORK IN A DIVIDED SOCIETY | ERIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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AS PART OF THIS CONFERENCE, WE FOCUS ON RESILIENCE BUILDING WITHIN CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL WORK. IN THE CONTEXT OF TODAY'S **DIVIDED SOCIETY**, WHERE SOCIAL WORK CONTENDS WITH UNFULFILLED EXPECTATIONS OF EQUALITY, FREEDOM, AND SOLIDARITY, PRACTITIONERS FACE NUMEROUS COMPLEX CHALLENGES. THESE INCLUDE **PERSISTENT INEQUALITIES** ACROSS VARIOUS SOCIETAL SYSTEMS, INCREASING **SOCIO-CULTURAL POLARIZATION**, AND THE DEEPENING DIVISION BETWEEN COMMUNITIES, WHERE MEMBERS PERCEIVE OTHERS AS ALIEN OR THREATENING. MOREOVER, **ASYMMETRIES IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF POWER** EXACERBATE THESE ISSUES BY NOT ONLY CONTROLLING MATERIAL RESOURCES BUT ALSO SHAPING PERCEPTIONS AND WORLDVIEWS AMONG LESS POWERFUL GROUPS AND INSTITUTIONS.

IN THIS DYNAMIC AND EVOLVING ENVIRONMENT OF INCLUSION AND EXCLUSION, **RESILIENCE BUILDING** IN SOCIAL WORK IS ESSENTIAL. IT ENCOMPASSES A RANGE OF STRATEGIES AIMED AT STRENGTHENING THE PROFESSION ITSELF, AS WELL AS ENHANCING THE RESILIENCE OF INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITIES WHO COLLABORATE WITH SOCIAL WORKERS TO IMPROVE THEIR LIVING CONDITIONS. RESILIENCE BUILDING IS ALSO VIEWED AS THE PROFESSION'S CAPACITY TO MAINTAIN EFFECTIVE PRACTICE DESPITE THESE ADVERSITIES. WE WELCOME CONTRIBUTIONS THAT ANALYZE THESE CHALLENGES IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL WORK AND PRESENT EXAMPLES OF GOOD PRACTICE IN FOSTERING RESILIENCE BOTH WITHIN AND THROUGH THE PROFESSION.

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