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## ERIS MEMBER MEETINGS

Due to anti-epidemic measures, in 2022 four meetings of university representatives associated with the European Research Institute for Social Work (ERIS) were held online.

On 21 January 2022, the main topic in the first meeting was the organisation of the online Spring School 2022, ERIS Conference in Moscow. In addition, the members discussed the editorial plan of the ERIS Journal and the functioning concept of different working groups.

The second online meeting of ERIS representatives took place on 19 April 2022. At this meeting, the final organisation tasks about Spring School were discussed. The next important topic was the ERIS annual conference. The ERIS conference in Moscow 2022 with the entitled “IT in Social Work” was canceled because of the current European situation. The members looked for possible new locations, but the final decision was taken not to organize the conference in 2022.

In the next online meeting, held on 13 September 2022, the term of Spring School 2023 was set. The ERIS conference 2023 in Würzburg was discussed. Prof. Vera Taube, the main organizer, informed the members about organizational plans and activities. The application for Affiliated membership for the University of Applied Sciences Würzburg-Schweinfurt was approved. The representative of this university is prof. Vera Taube.

The last online meeting took place on 22 November 2022. The discussion centered on upcoming changes regarding membership. The application for Affiliated membership for Katholische Hochschule Nordrhein-Westfalen (Catholic University of Applied Sciences) was approved. The representative of this university is prof. Dr. Isabelle-Christine Panreck. Dr. Kamilė Gudišauskienė from Kolping University joined ERIS, where Dr. Ramunė Bagdonaitė-Stelmokienė was representative.

## EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

The 15th International Spring School of Social Work was held online from 27–29 April 2022. The event featured a total of 27 presenting student participants from 8 countries in 9 parallel sessions as well as 100 other participants from a total of 14 countries.

The programme focused mainly on students' presentations based on their master's or doctoral dissertations, accompanied by discussions with academics and group consultations. As in previous years, the programme included 2 keynote lectures and 2 parallel workshops held with 35 involved participants having presentations or being members of teams. In total, 14 academics from 9 countries were involved in moderating the sessions, discussions, and were offered individual consultations.

New to this year's event were “round-tables”, which offered an opportunity for participants—both academics and students—to discuss various topics and find possible intersection for

future cooperation in the field of research, publishing, and other scientific research activities. Three academics offered their topics for discussion. Prof. Brian Littlechild from the University of Hertfordshire (UK) opened the topic “Domestic violence and work with children”, Prof. Doris Böhler from the FH Vorarlberg (Austria) facilitated opportunity for discussion on the topic “Diversity, intersectionality and anti-discrimination in social work”, and one of the main conference organizers, Assoc. Prof. Kateřina Glumbíková from the University of Ostrava (Czech Republic) put forward the topic “Reflexivity in social work with vulnerable children” to the participants.

Thanks to cooperation with the Centre of Information Technologies and Marketing departments at the University of Ostrava, we can offer you recordings of all sessions, keynote lectures, and workshops you may have missed because of parallel organization. You can watch them on demand now by clicking on the chosen session, lecture, or workshop.

[International Spring School of Social Work in Europe 2022 for master's and doctoral students / European Research Institute for Social Work \(osu.eu\)](https://www.osu.eu/en/international-spring-school-of-social-work-in-europe-2022-for-master-s-and-doctoral-students/)

## INTERNATIONALISATION OF STUDENT EDUCATION IN ERIS PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

At the beginning of the year 2022, the usual physical mobilities and lecturing at partner schools continued to face difficulties in view of the epidemiological situation. FSS UO lecturers continued to deal with the situation, Dr. Šárka Kopřivová held online lectures for students at University of Trnava, and Dr. Roman Pospíšil lectured students from this university physically in Trnava.

Prof. Brian Littlechild from the University of Hertfordshire, Dr. Anita Gulczynska together with Dr. Malgorzata Kostrzyńska from the University of Lodz, and Prof. Juha Hämäläinen from the UEF Finland, and Assoc. Prof. Ondrej Botek from the University of Trnava gave lectures for the students at FSS UO.

The 2-year Master's degree in Social Work and Social Entrepreneurship was accredited. The Follow-up Master's degree in Social Work and Social Entrepreneurship is conceived and implemented as a Joint Degree programme, meaning that part of the study programme is implemented in cooperation with two foreign universities – the University of Trnava and Fachhochschule Campus Wien.

The study aims to prepare professionals in the field of social work and social entrepreneurship to be able to solve both theoretical problems and problems arising in practice with an emphasis on linguistic competence in English. Cooperation in the programme implementation is based on the Faculty's long-term membership in the Social Work and Social Economy (SOWOSEC) network as well as in the ERIS network thanks to cooperation with the University of Trnava

## PUBLISHING ACTIVITIES

### ERIS Journal

Winter Issue 1/2022 – The editors are Jelena Petrucijová and Brian Littlechild. The theme of the issue is 'Philosophy and Ethics'. 10 papers.

Summer Issue 4/2022 – The editor is Anita Gulczynska. The issue is not thematically unified. 9 papers, 1 research notes.

ERIS Journal – Both Winter Issue 2022 and Summer Issue 2022 are available at [English homepage](#) » [Social Work \(socialniprace.cz\)](#)

## CONFERENCE

The annual ERIS conference in Moscow was canceled due to the Russian attack of Ukraine.

After discussion and with the approval of ERIS members, the ERIS Proclamation was published

Given the Russian attack of Ukraine, ERIS-affiliated universities call upon students and academics from ERIS-affiliated European universities to stand together for openness and tolerance.

Universities are places where there is no room for xenophobia and nationalism, even in times of international conflict. Different perspectives, diversity of views and international exchange are the foundation for research and teaching activities in ERIS universities. Particularly at a time when there is once again war in Europe, universities are called upon to stand together to defend these values.

ERIS members support solidarity with Ukrainian students and academics, and all refugees from this country. At the same time, they recognise the difference between the Russian state and its aggressive war, and the Russian social work students and academics.

Therefore, showing solidarity with the peoples of both Ukraine and Russia who call for an end to war, ERIS supports the call from the International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW) to encourage all members of the social work profession to respond and let their leaders nationally and locally know their views and facilitate action that realises this purpose.

## ERIS WEBSITE AND PROMOTION

ERIS website content as well as the formal layout and appearance have been continuously updated. ERIS has been promoted by representatives of all partner universities through conferences and workshops, within author profiles in professional journals, etc.