

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

- 9h00 - 10h00** lecture by **Emmanuel Jovelin** (Université Catholique de Lille, France): Social Work in the Face of Weakening of the Welfare State in France - What are Consequences?  
• followed by a discussion
- 10h00 - 11h00** lecture by **Riina Kiik** (Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway): What Now - Challenges in Social Work Practice and Teaching in Norway  
• followed by a discussion
- 11h00 - 11h30** coffee break
- 11h30 - 12h30** lecture by **Elena Iarskaia-Smirnova** (National Research University Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia): From Social Contract to the Market of Social Services: Routes and Roots of Social Work Professionalisation in Russia  
• followed by a discussion
- 12h30 - 14h00** lunch break
- 14h00 - 15h00** lecture by **Mariusz Granosik** (University of Lodz, Poland): The Impact of Social Policy on Social Work in Poland - a Critical Review  
• followed by a discussion
- 15h00 - 16h00** lecture by **Béla Szabó** (University of Cluj-Napoca, Romania): The Evolution of Social Work in Romania  
• followed by a discussion
- 16h00 - 17h00** lecture by **Berta Granja** (Institute of Social Service of Porto, Portugal): Ethical Challenges on Education and Practice on Social Work, Facing up Changes on Society and Social Policy  
• followed by a discussion
- 17h00** end of the event  
departure of participants



## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE EUROPEAN DIMENSION IN SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION AND PRACTICE

This event is organised by the Czech delegation to the **Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists & Democrats in the European Parliament**, in co-operation of the **Faculty of Social Studies, University of Ostrava** and the **European Research Institute for Social Work, University of Ostrava**.

### DATE AND VENUE

**24<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

**University of Ostrava  
Main Auditorium  
Českobratrská 16, Ostrava  
Czech Republic**



# FRAMEWORK AND PURPOSE OF THE EVENT

This international conference is organised at the occasion of the centenary celebrations of the social work education in the Czech Republic and the tenth anniversary of the establishment of the Faculty of Social Studies, University of Ostrava and the European Research Institute for Social Work, University of Ostrava.

Its objective is to discuss the contingency of social structure, social policy and social work within the Union. As the relationship between the above-mentioned domains creates a number of frictions, the EU institutions' efforts to harmonise the conditions in respective member states and regions represent an important challenge.

To a large extent the social structure in EU member states is created and reproduced by the policy of multinationals. Individual countries hold varied positions in terms of internal labour distribution of these corporations, which leads to significant differences in their social structures with diverging trends.

At the same time, social policy decisions still remain in the hands of the national governments attempting to keep the momentum of basic parameters of three or four welfare system models, as described by Esping-Andersen in one of his studies. Globalisation pressures combined with the offensives of neoliberal policy force to close the gaps between these systems towards the most austere one, yet the inertia of institutions and national cultures has still managed to resist them so far.

On the other hand, we can detect a high level of harmonisation in the field of social work. However, even this development allows other than optimistic interpretations.

The current EU's social structure and social policy progress brings good and bad news for social work: the good news is that social work in the Union's member states has not seen as much asymmetry and divergence as their social structures, and unlike social policy it has more potential to develop in one direction, that is towards convergence. The bad news is that such convergence has a tendency for further deconstruction and depart from the institutional programme.

# PROGRAMME

## Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018

- 8h30 - 9h00** registration at the venue (Main Auditorium of the University of Ostrava)
- 9h00 - 9h15** welcome by **Renáta Tomášková**, Vice-Rector for International Relations of University of Ostrava, **Alice Gojová**, the Dean of the Faculty of Social Studies and **Oldřich Chytil**, director of ERIS
- 9h15 - 10h15** keynote by **Jan Keller** (Member of European Parliament): Social Structure, Social Policy and Social Work in the EU
- followed by a discussion
- 10h15 - 11h15** lecture by **Oldřich Chytil** (University of Ostrava, Czech Republic): Changes in the Society and their Reflection in Theory and Practice of Social Work in the Czech Republic
- followed by a discussion
- 11h15 - 11h45** coffee break
- 11h45 - 12h45** lecture by **Peter Erath** (Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, Germany): Current Issues of Social Policy and Social Work in Germany
- followed by a discussion
- 12h45 - 14h15** lunch break
- 14h15 - 15h15** lecture by **Brian Littlechild** (University of Hertfordshire, United Kingdom): Social Work Education and Practice in the UK: Government Policy, Professionalisation and Inequalities
- followed by a discussion
- 15h15 - 16h15** lecture by **Walter Lorenz** (Free University of Bozen-Bolzano, Italy): Social Work Education for a Social Europe - Challenges in the Face of Individualism, Nationalism and Commercialism
- followed by a discussion
- 16h15 - 16h45** coffee break
- 16h45 - 17h45** lecture by **Hans van Ewijk** (University of Humanistic Studies, Utrecht, Netherlands): The Great Transformation and its Impact on Social Work in the Netherlands
- followed by a discussion
- 19h00 - 21h00** networking buffet dinner