Peace Building - Gender - Social Work
Coburg International Conference May 8-12, 2015

Part I: Dialogues in the Museum: Gender Discourses on War and Peace
(in cooperation with the Museum Women’s Culture Regional-International and the City of Fürth)
Time/Venue: 8th/9th May, 2015, Marstall and Castle, Fürth- Burgfarrnbach, Schloßhof 12, 90768 Fürth

Part II: Social Work, Gender and Peace Building
Time/Venue: 10th-12th May, 2015, Coburg University of Applied Sciences and Arts

Since its evolution at the end of the 19th century, Social Work as a human rights profession, always aimed at changing the structures of societies that cause social injustice and violent conflicts. Feminist movements, peace movements and social work pioneers like Jane Addams (USA, 1860-1935), Eglantyne Jebb (Great Britain, 1876-1928) or Hansa Mehta (India, 1897-1995) are strongly connected to these developments.

In 1915 over a thousand women from all over the world were protesting against the atrocities of the First World War at the Women’s Peace Conference in The Hague. For Jane Addams, the worldwide acknowledged social worker and social politician, pacifism was not an abstract dogma but a task which had to be resolved in the most pragmatic way. For her, advocacy for the prevention of accidents and advocacy for ending a war were related tasks: both saved human lives whereas wars destroyed democratic achievements, culture and civilisation.

Social workers played and still play an active role in peace building processes at individual, community and global level. Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Women’s Peace Conference, and remembering historical and current approaches of social work theories and practices, the conference focusses on the following questions: How do political conflicts influence social work and social workers, addressees and welfare policy? How can social work contribute to the support of people in times of violent political conflicts and post-conflict processes? Which role can social work play in reconstruction and reconciliation processes? What are the experiences of social workers to struggle against gender discrimination and empower gender equality as part of peace building processes?

The international conference comprises two interlinked parts: the first one, “Dialogues in the Museum: Gender Discourses on War and Peace” will take place in Fürth, Burgfarrnbach; and the second part “Social Work, Gender and Peace Building” will take place at Coburg University of Applied Sciences and Arts. Participants are invited to join both parts but might also enjoy just one part or the other.

Conference languages: English, German; some workshops in Spanish

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Draft Programme

Part I: Dialogues in the Museum: Gender Discourses on War and Peace

Friday, May 8, 2015

17.00  Arrival
18.00  Welcome
       Elisabeth Reichert, City Counselor for Cultural and Social Affairs, Nuremberg
18.20  Women to the Peace Tables!
       Ute Scheub, Publicist, Peace Activist
19.15  War Socks and Peacemaker Women
       Opening of the exhibition
       - Buffet and Talks -

Saturday, May 9, 2015

10.00  Welcome and Introduction
10.15  Trauma Work as Peace Work
       Martina Bock, Project Manager, Wings of Hope
11.00  Coffee Break
11.30  Parallel Workshops (I)

Workshop 1: Current Social Conflicts and Struggle for Peace in Africa and Asia (German)
   - Simone Hüser, Researcher, Berlin: Women Rights in Post- War Iraq
   - Erika Dahlmanns, Uni Bayreuth: Female Warriors of Peace. The Intore Warrior and the new Peace Culture in Ruanda
   - Emine Demir, Berlin: Education of girls - a tool for conflict prevention in Pakistan

Workshop 2: Memory, Reparation and Reconciliation in Latin-America from a Gender Perspective (Spanish)
   - Tania Ramirez, University Claustro Sor Juana: H.I.J.O.S.: Memory - resistance - reconciliation
   - Beatriz Elena Arias Lopez, University of Antioquia, Colombia: Platting memories of resistance
   - Roberta Bacic, Curator: Art of resistance - Chilean Arpilleras and their political impact

Workshop 3: International Peacemaker Women: Biographical Approaches
   - Silvia Staub-Bernasconi, Switzerland: Jane Addams and the Hull House Women
• **Florina Benoit**, CASA, India: Women who have risen above all odds – stories of women from diverse backgrounds

13.30 Lunch and talks

14.30 **Parallel Workshops (II)**

**Workshop 4: Claiming for Human Rights. The Case of Bosnia-Herzegovina**
- **Sanela Basic**, University of Sarajevo: Human Right Crimes against Women
- **Aida Klapuh**, OC Jajce: Interreligious Youth Work
- **Ema Čekić**, The Association of Families of Missing Persons of Vogošća Municipality

**Workshop 5: Conceptual Art for Peace (German)**
- **Parastou Forouhar**, Offenbach: The Poetry of the Unloved Perception
- **Eleni Papaionnou**, Berlin: De-Globalizing/Re-Globalizing
- **Anja Sonnenburg**, Berlin: War in Peace

**Workshop 6: Women’s Peace Movements – Dialogues around the “Peace Table”**
- **Gudrun Cyprian**, Nuremberg: Women in One World
- **Ulrike Brenner**: The Museum Women’s Culture Regional-International

16.30 **Conclusion, Farewell & Follow-Up**

with Coffee and Cookies

**Part II: Social Work, Gender and Peace Building**

**Monday, May 11, 2015**

9.30 **Welcome and introduction**
President of Coburg University of Applied Sciences and Arts, International Office, Faculty of Social Work and Health,

10.00 **Jane Addams: Newer Ideas of Peace**
Silvia Staub Bernasconi, Switzerland

11.00 Coffee Break

11.30 **Social Work in post conflict situations**
Sanela Basic, University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

12.30 Lunch Break (Mensa)
13.30 Human Rights Education Against Gender Violence
Vernon Muñoz, University of Costa Rica, San Jose

14.30 Coffee Break

15.00 Parallel Sessions (I)

(1) Hull House Settlement – New Approaches to an Old Concept
• Nita Prasad, Alice Salomon Hochschule, Berlin: Social work with a
  refugee settlement in Berlin Hellersdorf
• Juan Blanco Lopez, Universidad Pablo Olavide, Sevilla

(2) Approaches of Social Work in Memory Processes
• Jurgen Basstanie, Thomas More University, Geel, Belgium: Tree of life
  methodology: An ideal narrative method in managing traumas
• Ndumba J Kamwanyah, University of Namibia: Namibia’s reconciliation
  process, focussing on peace and stability as economic benefits for all
• Coburg Student’s Group: Nacional Socialism and Resistance: Experiences
  from an International Youth Meeting at the Memorial Site KZ
  Flossenbürg

(3) Human Rights Work and the Struggle for the Rights of Refugees or
Undocumented People
• Ashok Gladston, Loyola College, Chennai, India: Social Work with
  refugees
• Tania Ramirez, Universidad del Claustro Sor Juana, México

(4) Children and Violent Conflicts
• Behnaz Tavakoli, MA. Children’s Rights, Berlin
• Samir Agic, Aida Kapuhr, OC Jajce, Bosnia-Herzegovina: Community
  work with children and young adults in Jajce

Tuesday, May 12, 2015

9.30 Introduction

10.00 Non-violent concepts in violent conflicts - Indian philosophy of Social Work
Sandra Joseph, Stella Maris College, Chennai, India

11.00 Coffee Break

11.30 Social work with Roma, the biggest minority in Europe
Maria Roth, Babes Bolyai University, Cluj, Romania

12.30 Lunch Break

13.30 Parallel Sessions (II)
(5) Human Rights against Racism, Discrimination and Exclusion
- Maria Roth, Babes Bolyay University, Cluj, Romania
- Inge Danielsen, UCC Copenhagen, Denmark
- Silvia Fargion, Free University of Bozen, Italy

(6) Human Rights Education and Social Work
- Claudia Lohrenscheit, Hochschule Coburg
- Anneline Keet, University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa, Dep. For Social Work

(7) Social work, humanitarian aid and emergency relief
- Florina Benoit, CASA Chennai, India
- Gaby Franger, Hochschule Coburg

(8) Perpetrators, victims and the role of Social Work (Spanish)
- Lucy Ketterer, Universidad de la Frontera
- Cristian Orellana Fonseca, Temuco
- Beatriz Arias, Universidad de Antioquia, Medellin

15.30 Coffee Break
16.00 Human Rights for Social Justice and Reconciliation
   Andree Keet, University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa
17.00 Conclusions and Farewell

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