

## **Euro-Mediterranean Review of Social Work and Social Change**

### **Mission**

Never before in the history of social work, the profession has seen such a plethora of schools and courses developing across so many regions. Professional associations, university courses, international placements and student/academic exchanges have emerged globally. Despite these developments, contemporary social work faces unprecedented challenges and dilemmas of practical, theoretical, ethical and political nature.

Re-occurring waves of deep financial crises and drastic responses from states and international organisations have changed dramatically the landscape within which social work operates. Commodification of social services and the dismantlement of the welfare state have pushed social workers and service users to uncharted waters.

Inevitably this new reality challenges the certainties of the past. Traditional casework and mainstream Anglo-American knowledgebase, which have dominated the profession for decades, have been proved unable to respond to the complex challenges of contemporary social work. The quest for new approaches that prioritise the socio-political aspects of the profession and respect cultural diversity appear to be a much needed direction for social work.

However, in order to allow these debates to flourish, there is a precondition for efficient platforms of communication. The recent and marketization of scholar journals have limited the opportunities for academics to engage in a meaningful and academically free dialogue. Meeting university targets and publishing only in English-speaking journals that are designed to fit the needs of mostly an Anglo-Saxon educational system, have created barriers among international social work academics and practitioners.

In particular, in the region of Mediterranean there is a richness of social work practices, grassroots social movements and innovative welfare theories that have rarely been surfaced, mainly due to the

aforementioned restrictions. It is a principal objective of this journal to encourage the promotion, development, research and analysis of such vibrant tradition. Despite this special focus, the **Euro-Mediterranean Review of Social Work and Social Change** maintains a broader international scope.

This is why **Euro-Mediterranean Review of Social Work and Social Change** aims at creating a fertile environment for rigorous and democratic scholar debates. This is achieved through

- Encouraging peer reviewed publications of articles in different languages (English, Arabic, Greek and Spanish).
- Developing a decentralised editorial system with editorial sub-committees in different countries.
- A commitment to free or low fee subscription, so articles are widely accessible.
- Fully utilising internet and an interactive web-portal
- Giving space to professional associations, service users organisations and academic consortia to lead on special issues
- Allowing the publication of notes from research project in progress.
- Re-evaluating the history of international social work
- Maintaining a special section for social work students

## **Structure of the journal**

- Articles
- Essays
- Current debates
- History of social work
- Books
- Country developments
- News from Social Work Schools
- Events

## **Editorial Board**

## **Instructions to authors**