



## **SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION in EUROPE: CURRENT CHALLENGES and DEVELOPMENTS**

16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of February 2012

International Seminar/Kocaeli University Umuttepe Campus, İzmit/Kocaeli-Turkey

### **Rationale of the project**

The history of social work education in Turkey started in the mid's of 1950's after the World War II with the organized support of UN like in many other European countries. Until the mid of 2000's social work education could not be developed at nationwide. There was a single school providing social work education between 1961 and 2003. In 2004 second school established again in Ankara, the capital city of Turkey.

After 2004, an important developmental period has been started by the governments under the effect of EU process and social work education immediately started in 15 universities. This immediate changes in social work education caused quality problems and emerged a new structure which indicates a urgent need for developing nationwide standarts for social work education such as basic qualification of social work academicians, standartization of social work curriculums and basic requirements for field practices.

Today, social work academicians in Turkey are trying to find appropriate ways to answer structural problems such as: Positions of social work departments in the university structure, effective ways to teach social work in rapidly changing society, training social workers with necessary skills, need to increase the number of graduate programs in social work and to integrate theories into the practice.

In this transition period, it is important to create connections between European and Turkish social work schools to strength cooperation and facilitate transfer of knowledge.

In this context; the seminar planned and organized in cooperation with Kocaeli University Department of Social Work and Association of Social Workers Turkey and supported and funded by EASSW to

- discuss all these essential aspects under the frame of Social Work Education in Europe.
- disseminate European experience and knowledge of social work through social work academicians in Turkey.
- learn about social work curriculums of selected European countries as a model to curriculum development process in local departments.
- learn and discuss contemporary problems and discussions on social work accross Europe.

**Organizers:** Kocaeli University Kocaeli School of Health, Department of Social Work  
European Association of Schools of Social Work  
Association of Social Workers Turkey.

### **Purpose of the project**

- Stronger connection and network between actors of European Social Work and social work academicians in Turkey.
- Deeper understanding about current developments and challenges in European Social Work arena across Europe.
- Transfer of knowledge and experience from European Countries to Turkey including curriculum development, adaptation of social work education to changing social structure and about different models in social work education.
- support to capacity building process in local social work departments in Turkey.

### **Structure of the Seminar<sup>1</sup>**

<b>Dates/Hours</b>	<b>Themes involved</b>
Session I (16.3.2012: 13.00-17.30)	Current developments and challenges in European social work (by individual presentations)
Session II (17.3.2012: 09.30-12.00)	Latest developments and problem areas in Turkish social work education (by individual presentations)
Session II (17.3.2012: 13.00-16.30)	Forum: Determine pathways for social work education in Turkey.

### **Process of Implementation**

**Target group:** Social work academicians from different universities, social workers and social work students were the target groups of seminar. Information of the seminar has been started to disseminate after the first week of December 2011 and at the same time a call for participation and/or oral presentations launched via e-mail groups, personal e-mails and internet pages including social media. The deadline for submissions for oral presentations has been announced as 20.12.2011. To increase the number of participants, a poster prepared (please find the attached file) and distributed to all social work departments. Participation to the seminar was free of charge.

**Venue and organizational issues:** The seminar organized in Umuttepe Campus of Kocaeli University at the Ihlamur Meeting Hall. Students and staff of Kocaeli University Social Work Department took initiative to take the responsibility of organizational issues during two days of the Seminar.

**Participation to the Seminar:** According to registration desk notes, more than 180 people has participated to the first day of the seminar. Second day the number of participants was around 110. Among participants there were social work academicians (From Ankara University Social Work Department, Başkent University Social Work Department, Düzce University Social Work Department, Hacettepe University Social Work Department, İstanbul Arel University Social Work Department), social workers (from different provinces: Kocaeli, İstanbul, Ankara, İzmir, Düzce, Yalova, Sakarya) and social work students (from Kocaeli University, İstanbul Arel University, İstanbul University, Duzce University, Yalova University). Many lecturers from related departments of Koceli University have participated also to the seminar.

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<sup>1</sup> Please look at the attached files for detailed program of the Seminar.

Official opening of the seminar made by Prof. Dr. Ayşe Sevim Gökalp vice rector of Kocaeli University, Prof. Dr. Sureyya Karaoz, director of Kocaeli School of Health, Prof. Dr. Abdurrahman Fettahoğlu Dean of Faculty of Administrative and Economic Sciences, Mr. Bekir Yümlü, the provincial director of Families and Social Policies, Mr. Osman Poyraz, director of Health and Social Services Department at Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality, Mucahit Arslan, director of Social Services Department at Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality also joined the first day of the seminar.

## **Evaluation**

The seminar provided a base to create a platform to discuss current developments and problems in the frame of European social work education (Clearly the seminar was also a useful tool to promote EASSW within the Turkish social work academicians and students. We believe that EASSW has become a more concrete image among participants of the seminar).

More than 180 participants had chances to listen current developments and challenges of European social work area. During the seminar, participants involved the discussion about current view of social work education and profession in Europe by Sue Lawrence's speech and with the speeches of Peter Hendriks, Vasilios Ioakimidis and Nino Zganec the discussion has been continued at the national levels.

We believe that the seminar reached its basic aim which is simply defined as creating a base to discuss local-national problems of social work education in Turkey within the European perspective by the combination of presentation.

At the last session of the seminar, a forum organized and moderated by Prof. Dr. Kasım Karataş from Hacettepe University Department of Social Work. In the forum, a pathway to social work education try to be developed.

The fundamental needs of the social work education summarized as below:

- Lack of educational standarts for social work
- Creating more connection with European countries and schools to transfer the experiences
- Limited number of qualified social work academicians
- Need to increase the number of post-graduate programs
- Need to estalish a common platform (association ?) to gather representatives of social work departments in different universities and to work together.

At the end of the forum, representatives of social work departments decided to meet again in the mid of April to work for the estalishment of a association (Turkish Association of School of Social Work) in İzmir.



**ULUSLARARASI SEMİNER**  
**AVRUPA'DA SOSYAL HİZMET EĞİTİMİ: GÜNCEL GELİŞME ve**  
**TARTIŞMALAR**  
**“Social Work Education in Europe: Current Developments and Discussions“**  
**Ihlamur Toplantı Salonu-Kocaeli Üniversitesi Umuttepe Yerleşkesi**  
**16-17 Şubat 2012**

16 Şubat 2012-Perşembe/16 <sup>th</sup> February 2012-Thursday	
13.00-13.30	Kayıt / Registration
13.30-13.45	Açılış konuşmaları / Opening Speeches
13.45-14.15	<b>Açılış Konferansı / Opening Conference</b> “Avrupa’da Sosyal Hizmet Eğitiminin Güncel Durumu” / “Current Situation of Social Work Education in Europe” <b>Sue LAWRENCE</b> , Avrupa Sosyal Hizmet Okulları Birliği Başkanı / President, European Association of Schools of Social Work, Principal Lecturer, London Metropolitan University, Faculty of Social Sciences & Humanities.
14.15-14.30	<b>Açılış Konferansı / Opening Conference</b> “Türkiye’de Sosyal Hizmet Eğitiminin Güncel Durumu” / “Current Situation of Social Work Education in Turkey” <b>Doç. Dr. Hakan ACAR</b> , Kocaeli Üniversitesi Kocaeli Sağlık YO. Sosyal Hizmet Bölümü / Kocaeli University, Kocaeli School of Health Department of Social Work.
14.30-14.45	<b>Ara/Break</b>
14.45-16.15	<b>Oturum Başkanı / Chair</b> <b>Susan LAWRENCE</b> , Avrupa Sosyal Hizmet Okulları Birliği Başkanı / President, European Association of Schools of Social Work.  <b>Prof. Peter HENDRIKS</b> , “Intercultural Social Work (Kültürler arası sosyal hizmet)”. <i>University of Applied Sciences, Utrecht/The Netherlands / Uygulamalı Bilimler Üniversitesi, Utrecht/Hollanda.</i> <b>Dr. Vasilios IOAKİMİDİS</b> , “Social Work in a Time of Crisis; The Greek Case (Kriz Ortamlarında Sosyal Hizmet: Yunanistan Örneği)”. University of Nicosia, School of Humanities, Social Sciences and Law/ Lefkoşa Üniversitesi, İnsan Bilimleri Fakültesi, Sosyal Bilimler ve Hukuk <b>Prof. Dr. Sc. Nino ŽGANEC</b> , “Constraints and Opportunities of Current Social Work Education in Croatia (Hırvatistan’da Sosyal Hizmet Eğitiminde Sınırlılıklar ve Fırsatlar)”. University of Zagreb, Faculty of Law, Study Centre of Social Work/Zagreb Üniversitesi, Hukuk Fakültesi, Sosyal Hizmet Çalışma Merkezi. <b>Dr. Emrah AKBAŞ</b> , “General Trends in Social Work Education in Turkey - A Contextual Reading of the Curricula (Türkiye’de Sosyal Hizmet Eğitiminde Genel Eğilimler-Bağlamsal Bir Müfredat Okuması)”. Hacettepe Üniversitesi İİBF Sosyal Hizmet Bölümü Öğretim Görevlisi / Hacettepe University Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, Dept. of Social Work.
16.15-16.30	<b>Ara / Break</b>
16.30-17.30	<b>Oturum Başkanı / Chair</b> <b>Prof. Dr. Vedat IŞIKHAN</b> , Hacettepe Üniversitesi İİBF Sosyal Hizmet Bölümü / Hacettepe University Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, Dept. of Social Work.  <b>Doç. Dr. Ertan KAHRAMANOĞLU</b> . “Sosyal Hizmetler Akademisi’nden Günümüze Sosyal Hizmet Eğitiminde Müfredat (Continuity and Change in Curricula of Social Work Education: From Academy of Social Services to the Present)”. Başkent Üniversitesi Sağlık Bilimleri Fakültesi, Sosyal Hizmet Bölümü / Başkent University, Faculty of Health Sciences, Dept. of Social Work

	<p><b>Prof. Dr. Işıl BULUT</b>, “Genelci Sosyal Hizmet Eğitiminde Müdahale Dersleri (<b>Intervention Courses in Generalist Social Work Education</b>)”, Başkent Üniversitesi Sağlık Bilimleri Fakültesi, Sosyal Hizmet Bölümü / Başkent University, Faculty of Health Sciences, Dept. of Social Work</p> <p><b>Prof. Dr. Yasemin ÖZKAN, Yrd.Doç. Dr. Elif GÖKÇEARSLAN ÇİFCİ</b>. “Sosyal Hizmette Kanıtı Dayalı Uygulamalar: Sosyal Hizmet Eğitimi Açısından İrdelenmesi (Evidence Based Practice in Social Work: An Consideration for Social Work Education)”. Ankara Üniversitesi Sağlık Bilimleri Fakültesi, Sosyal Hizmet Bölümü / Ankara University, Faculty of Health Sciences, Dept. of Social Work.</p> <p><b>Yrd. Doç. Dr. Neşe ŞAHİN TAŞĞIN</b>, “Sosyal Hizmet Eğitiminde İnsan Hakları (Human Rights in Social Work Education)”. Arel Üniversitesi Sağlık Bilimleri YO. Sosyal Hizmet Bölümü Öğretim Üyesi. Arel University, School of Health Sciences, Dept. of Social Work.</p>
<b>17 Şubat 2012-Cuma/17<sup>th</sup> February 2012-Friday</b>	
09.30-10.15	<p><b>Workshop/Seminar</b> Dr. Vasilios IOAKİMİDİS, “Social Work under Extreme Circumstances (Güç Koşullarda Sosyal Hizmet)”. University of Nicosia, School of Humanities, Social Sciences and Law / Lefkoşa Üniversitesi, İnsan Bilimleri Fakültesi, Sosyal Bilimler ve Hukuk.</p>
<b>10.15-10.30</b>	<b>Ara / Break</b>
10.30-11.45	<p><b>Oturum Başkanı / Chair</b> <b>Prof. Dr. Veli DUYAN</b>, Ankara Üniversitesi Sağlık Bilimleri Fakültesi, Sosyal Hizmet Bölümü / Ankara University, Faculty of Health Sciences, Dept. of Social Work.</p> <p><b>Prof. Dr. Uğur TEKİN</b>, “Almanya Örneğinde Sosyal Hizmette Uzaktan Öğretim (Distance Education in Social Work: A Germany Case)”. İstanbul Aydın Üniversitesi / İstanbul Aydın University.</p> <p><b>Doç. Dr. Nilgün KÜÇÜKKARACA</b>, “Türkiye'deki Sosyal Hizmet Eğitiminde ve Uygulamasında Hak ve Sosyal Adalet Temelinden Hayırseverliğe (From Rights Based to Philanthropy in Turkish Social Work Education)”. Hacettepe Üniversitesi İİBF Sosyal Hizmet Bölümü / Hacettepe University Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, Dept. of Social Work.</p> <p><b>Doç. Dr. Yüksel BAYKARA ACAR, Yrd. Doç. Dr. Gülsüm ÇAMUR DUYAN</b>, “Sosyal Hizmet Eğitiminde Uygulamalar: Türkiye Üzerine Değerlendirmeler (Practices in Social Work Education: Evaluations on Turkey)”. Kocaeli Üniversitesi Kocaeli Sağlık YO. Sosyal Hizmet Bölümü / Kocaeli University, Kocaeli School of Health Department of Social Work, Kırıkkale Üniversitesi Sağlık Bilimleri Fakültesi Sosyal Hizmet Bölümü / Kırıkkale University, Faculty of Health Sciences, Dept. of Social Work.</p> <p><b>Yrd. Doç. Dr. Kamil ALPTEKİN*</b>, Oğuzhan ZENGİN**, Selami TOPUZ***. "Türkiye'de Sosyal Hizmet Eğitimi: Mevcut Durum, Sorunlar ve Öneriler". *Düzce Üniversitesi Sağlık YO. Sosyal Hizmet Bölümü / Düzce University, School of Health Department of Social Work, ** Research Assistant, Hacettepe University Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, Dept. of Social Work, ***Social Worker, Ministry of Family and Social Policies.</p>
<b>12.00-13.00</b>	<b>Öğle Yemeği / Lunch</b>
13.00-15.30	<p><b>Forum:</b> Türkiye’de Sosyal Hizmet Eğitimi için Yol Haritasını Belirlemek (Forum: Determining a Road Map to Social Work Education)</p> <p><b>Moderatör / Moderator:</b> Prof. Dr. Kasım KARATAŞ, Hacettepe Üniversitesi İİBF Sosyal Hizmet Bölümü / Hacettepe University Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, Dept. of Social Work.</p> <p><b>Raportörler / Reporters:</b> Arş. Gör. Özgür ALTINDAĞ, SHU Baran ÇİFCİ</p>
<b>15.30-15.45</b>	<b>Ara / Break</b>
<b>15.45.17.45</b>	<p><b>Forum:</b> Sosyal Hizmetler Alanında Ara Eleman(lar)</p> <p><b>Moderatör / Moderator:</b> Murat ALTUĞGİL, Sosyal Hizmet Uzmanları Derneği Genel Başkanı.</p> <p><b>Raportörler / Reporters:</b> SHU Emrah KIRIMSOY</p>
17.45	<b>Kapanış /Closing</b>
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