INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION AND PRACTICE

Dates: 20th to 22nd February 2017

Organized By

The Department of Social Work (UGC Centre of Advanced Study), Faculty of Social Sciences, Jamia Millia Islamia (A Central University), New Delhi, India

CONFERENCE TITLE:

International Conference on Social Work Education and Practice

PROGRAMME VENUE:

Jamia Millia Islamia (A Central University), New Delhi, India

DATE AND DURATION OF THE CONFERENCE:

20th to 22nd February, 2017 (3 Days).

CONFERENCE BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES:

Social Work Profession is now more than 100 years old. No doubt it has come a long way and witnessed continuous growth and professionalization. However, even today, people continue to have trouble in understanding what Social Work is all about-what it wants to achieve and by what means and methods. Questions about the professional status of Social Work have also been raised since the very beginning. Flexner first raised the fundamental question, "Is Social Work a Profession?" way back in 1915. Flexner found that while Social Work demonstrated some professional attributes-it was intellectual, derived its knowledge from science and learning, owned a "professional self consciousness" and was altruistic; it was found lacking on some other important professional criteria. The major deficiency of the profession was found in the broadness of its boundaries. He believed that professions had to have definite and specific ends.

The universal values of the profession are critiqued by some as emanating from the individualistic western value system and thus creating intellectual hegemony for understanding of the prevailing social problems and the strategies to address these. The contents of and the need for a global definition of social have also been questioned as it fails to adequately capture the vastly different socio-economic and political contexts and their realities.

On the other hand, the process of globalization lend additional support to the argument in favour of universalism and developing a global understanding of the problems and finding global strategies to address these. The indigenous knowledge and practices in Social Work therefore gets undermined resulting in imperialization of Social Work. The role of Social Work on the one hand in 'so called' welfare states like Great Britain, other European countries and Canada, etc, has been reduced to administration of Social Welfare benefits prompting some of the authors to call it "state mediated Social Work" and on the other hand Social Work Profession proclaiming for itself the role of empowering and liberating people and attaining Social Justice on their behalf, is assuming some of the functions of preglobalization era state.

The effectiveness of Social Work interventions and the achievements of the profession as measured in the light of the tall objectives set out in the global definition of Social Work therefore are not inspiring enough, if not disappointing. The question therefore about its professional status, raised in 1915, particularly on account of a lack of precise boundary and a distinct contribution to the society; continue to haunt even today.

In India, Social Work Education started in 1936 with an initial focus on developing trained human resources to cater to the requirement of welfare officers to oversee the administration of statutory welfare benefits for the exploited and toiling industrial workforce; spread to include rural and urban community development, family and child welfare, correctional Social Work and medical and psychiatric Social Work as the major areas of Social Work practice which largely functioned in state funded institutions and institutions under the patronage of the state. Structural adjustment programme that India adopted to bail out the economy in early 1990s resulted in far reaching implications, not only for the Indian economy, but also the social sector, and consequently Social Work Profession. The profession even then did not change much both in terms of its content and approach. As a result the efficacy of Social Work interventions in the changed scenario of shrunk state became all the more questionable. In a country which has a population of 1.25 billion people, a substantial proportion of which still struggles to achieve decent standards of living, having limited access to health services, drinking water, housing and employment, the kind of Social Work as practiced in the global north has been criticized by many. The dimensions of criticism have included the debate on specialist and generalist model of Social Work, efficacy of field based specializations, methods like case work and group work and their limited

outreach particularly in view of large sections of population afflicted by poverty, hunger, unemployment, exploitation and discrimination. This debate and discussion however, largely remained confined to the seminar rooms and conference rooms of the Schools of Social Work among the Social Work educators and sometimes with the Social Work practitioners. The close collaborative relationship that should exist between the practitioners and educators to enrich a practising profession has been severely lacking in the Indian context. Development of indigenous literature and methods of practice more suited to the socio-economic contextual realities to overcome the deficiencies of "borrowed" ones therefore remains largely elusive. It is high time that these along with other related issued are discussed threadbare by educators, practitioners and other stack holders to make the profession more focussed and its interventions more precise and incisive with a higher degree of professionalism and demonstrative effect.

The Department of Social Work (UGC Centre of Advanced Study), Jamia Millia Islamia (A Central University), New Delhi, which has its genesis in the community development programme of the country, has been a pioneer in Social Work Education. It started out with undergraduate education in 1967. The department since its establishment has been experimenting with various approaches and methodologies to nurture young professionals of social work. The contribution of the department has been recognized nationally and internationally. The University Grants Commission first recognized it as a Department of Special Assistance (DSA) in 1990 and it remained so until 2010, when the department was elevated to the status of Centre of Advanced Study (CAS), which it continues to be. One of the objectives under the CAS has been to perform the leadership role for Social Work Education in India. Therefore, the Department is organizing the International Conference on 'Social Work Education and Practice' in February 2017 as part of its Golden Jubilee Celebrations (50 years of its establishment).

This conference therefore proposes to review the situation, learning and issues around Social Work Education and Practice in India and abroad over the last 50 years. Some of the issues that the conference wishes to focus on are:

- 1. Relevance and Efficacy of Social Work Education
- 2. Changing Scope of Social Work Profession
- 3. Challenges before the Profession
- 4. Knowledge in Social Work, Trans-disciplinary nature and resistance to new Knowledge

5. Evidence based Practice

Objectives:

- A. To review Social Work Education during the last 50 years.
- B. To understand major global and regional socio-economic, political changes and their implications for Social Work Education and practice.
- C. Envisioning the future vis-à-vis the role of Social Work Education and Practice.

Major Themes of the Conference are:

- 1. Scope of Social Work Profession
- 2. Methods of Social Work and Practice Areas
- 3. Pedagogical Issues/Curricular Aspects
- 4. Core Competencies
- 5. Fieldwork in Social Work Education

Sub-Themes:

I Scope of Social Work Profession-

- 1. Levels of Practice
- 2. Sectors of Practice
- 3. Institutional/Non-institutional Practice
- 4. Practice Models of Social Work-Structural change vs. Welfare Approach
- 5. Challenges before the Profession
- 6. Professional Standards for Social Work

II Methods and Practice Areas

- 1. Working with Individuals
- 2. Working with Groups and Communities
- 3. Research in Social Work
- 4. Social Action and Social Welfare Management
- 5. Integrated Social Work
- 6. Skills and Knowledge for Methods and Practice Areas

III Pedagogical Issues

1. Teaching vs. Training in Social Work

- 2. Induction/Orientation
- 3. Model of Social Work Education: Generic vs Specialist
- 4. Curriculum Design and Review /Dilemmas
- 5. Pedagogy in the Classroom
- 6. Field Training/Skill laboratories/interface with Field Practitioners
- 7. Autonomy of Social Work Schools for Assessment /Curriculum Design and intake Policy

IV Core Competencies

- 1. Skills
- 2. Knowledge
- 3. Attitude
- 4. Transactional Pedagogies
- 5. Assessment/evaluation through the educational programme
- 6. Specific competencies /specialized competencies

V Fieldwork and Social Work Education

- 1. Supervision
- 2. Issues related to Concurrent Placement
- 3. Evaluations
- 4. Collaboration between Agencies and Schools
- 5. Alumni Network
- 6. Objectivity in Evaluation and Supervision

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE:

Day	Date	Activity Planned
I	20/02/2017	Inaugural session, invited talks, panel discussion.
П	21/02/2017	Oral and poster presentation of research papers, policy briefs, reviews, case studies and student poster presentation.
III	22/02/2017	Oral and poster presentation of research papers, policy briefs, reviews, case studies and student poster presentation.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEE*:

	Indian De	elegates Rs. (one	person)	Foreign/NRI		Indian Delegates		
	{ H e	eavily subsidized	1}	Dele	egates	(Rs.)		
Delegates				US \$				
Classification	Early Bird Registration				Late Registration			
		(Last date 30/08	/2016)		(Last date 31/10/2016)			
	Registration Fee (local Delegates)	Boarding & Lodging(for outstation Delegates, twin sharing basis)***	Total (outstation Delegates)			Regist ration Fee	Boarding & Lodging(for outstation Delegates, twin sharing basis)- total	
Faculty /NGOs/	4000	6500	10500			5000	7000	
Practitioners				500	600			
Students (Ph.D & Post Graduates including conference participation (without paper**)	3000	6500	9500			4000	7000	
Corporates	7000	7000	14000			8000	8000	

Note:

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION CANCELATION AND REFUND POLICY:

Conference registrants cancelling their registration on or before the **last date of the conference registration i.e. 10/11/2016** will receive only 60% of the conference registration fee.

VISA APPLICATION:

To obtain the necessary documents for visa application, please contact Prof. S. M Sajid, Conference Director with the following details.

Name of Person (as per passport).

Passport No.

Date of Issue

Date of Expiry

Place of Issue

BOARDING AND LODGING: University Guest House/ nearby Hotels

PUBLICATION OF PAPERS/CASE STUDIES:

The papers will be scrutinized by an editorial committee. Only those papers which are accepted for oral presentation and peer reviewed by a committee set up for the purpose will

^{*} No provision for on-site registration and cash payment

^{**} Participation certificate will be provided

^{***} It is not mandatory

be considered for publication. However, abstracts/synopsis of all the papers/cases will be published in the conference souvenir.

PUBLICATION PLAN*:

- 1. Special Journal Issue-Internationally reputed Journal
- 2. Edited Books-Volumes-Internationally reputed publisher
- 3. Conference Proceedings
- 4. Source Book by Internationally reputed publisher

*Subject to the feasibility and availability of funds

<u>CALL FOR ABSTRACTS FOR FULL PAPERS/CASE STUDIES:</u> IMPORTANT DATES:

- The last date for receiving the abstract: 15/7/2016
- Intimation of acceptance of abstracts: 30/07/2016
- The last date for receiving the full length paper: 15/09/2016
- Communication for acceptance of full paper with comments: 15/10/2016
- Last date for conference early bird registration: 30/08/2016
- Last date for conference registration with late fee: 31/10/2016
- Boarding and lodging intimation (for National and International Delegates): 07/11/2016
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Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) is one of the premier universities of national importance. It came into existence at Aligarh in 1920 during the Khilafat and Non-cooperation movement in response to Gandhiji's call to boycott government supported educational institutions. JMI derives its name from Urdu language in which Jamia means University and Millia means National. Today, JMI is an ensemble of a multi layered educational system which covers all aspects of schooling, under-graduate, post-graduate and doctoral level education. It has Nine Faculties: Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Engineering & Technology, Education, Humanities & Languages, Architecture & Ekistics, Fine Arts, Law and Dentistry; it has more than 27 Centres for Research and Excellence which includes among others Mass Communication Research Centre, Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution, Centre for Comparative Religions and Civilizations, Centre for Dalit and Minorities Studies, Centre for Nanosciences and Nanotechnology etc. Jamia has also started several inter-disciplinary research centres that have given an edge to it in terms of critical research in various areas (for details please visit http://www.jmi.nic.in).

The Department of Social Work, JMI is one of the pioneering among the top five professional human services training institutions in India. The department which was established in 1967 has continuously responded to the societal and corporate needs of developing trained human resources. The department offers two years' full time Post Graduate professional programmes in Human Resource Management and Social Work. Besides this the department provides

Doctoral programme in Social Work and Human Resource Management and has started a Advanced Diploma in Public Health. The department has been associated with several National and International organisation including corporate houses, NGOs, public sector and autonomous organisations, various ministries of the government, different consultancy organisations and reputed academic institutions. In recognition of the services rendered by the department, University Grants Commission (UGC) has elevated the department to the status of Centre of Advanced Studies (CAS) w. e. f. April, 2010.

ABSTRACT AND PAPER SUBMISSION FORMAT REQUIREMENTS AND SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

Papers on the listed themes must be sent by email to: icswe2017@gmail.com

- 1. Papers must be in Microsoft Word.
- 2. Papers must be written in English.
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 - Title of Paper
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- 6. Authors must intend to register for, and attend, the conference to present the paper if it is accepted.
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MANUSCRIPT PREPARATION:

- The manuscript must be typed, 1.5 spaced (single-spaced for indented material, notes and references). All heading including title should be 12 in Times New Roman and text should be 12 point Times New Roman. Margins must be of 1 inch on all sides.
- Papers should not exceed 5000 words.
- Abstract should be of maximum 300 words and authors biography 150 words
- Follow the mentioned order when typing manuscript: Title, Authors, Affiliation, Abstract, Keywords, Main text, Acknowledgements, Appendix and References.
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 - iii. **Reports:** World Health Organisation. 2010. WHO Guidelines on Collaborations and Partnership with Commercial Enterprises. Geneva: WHO.
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To ensure the best possible presentations, abstracts will be submitted in a structured format that addresses each of the submission criteria.

The template for abstracts submitted as scientific research/systematic review/ metaanalysis is as follows:

- 1. Objective
- 2. Research Methods
- 3. Results
- 4. Policy Implications (if any)
- 5. Conclusions

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- 1. Situation/problem
- 2. Resolution
- 3. Results
- 4. Lessons Learned

The template for abstracts submitted as policy brief/article review/ is as follows:

- 1. Policy background
- 2. Achievements/performance
- 3. Critical review of the policy
- 4. Lessons
- 5. Recommendations

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