CALL FOR PAPERS

Religion and Social Work – Transnational Perspectives

Deadline for submission of proposals
March 31, 2013

For the focused topic on “Religion and Social Work – Transnational Perspectives” of the journal “Transnational Social Review – A Social Work Journal” (TSR) the guest editors Luann Good Gingrich, Hanna Rettig, and Wolfgang Schröer invite your submissions of proposal abstracts.

Research Interest

The impact of religious perspectives and practices in global social work has been underestimated in empirical and theoretical research. However, religion is, on various levels, an unavoidable feature of everyday social work practice. Furthermore, the history of social work cannot be written without taking into account the influence of religion (see Chambon/Johnstone/Winckler, 2011; Pierson, 2011; Seithe 2010). At the same time, the religious roots of social work gain new importance in different contexts, especially in our contemporary mobile and transnational world. For example, many scholars claim that most cultural practices and norms are intricately tied to religious ideals and beliefs, whether recognized as such or not (see Butler, 2008; Butler/Spivak, 2007; Levitt, 2007). Thus, migratory livelihoods, which are increasingly necessary for millions across the globe, inevitably provoke religious confrontation and conflict.

In this issue of Transnational Social Review (TSR), we recognize the nexus between religion and social work, and aim to begin to address its apparent neglect or oversight in research and scholarship. With this issue, we invite authors to submit abstracts related to empirical and theoretical studies on the topic “Religion and Social Work – Transnational Perspectives”.

Abstracts are invited for original articles pertaining to (but not limited to) the following foci:

- Religious aspects of current as well as historical global social work theory and practice
- Theoretical and empirical work related to religious confrontations and conflicts presented by so-called “secularism” in global social work practice
- Transnational religious communities/organisations and their members involved in social work
- Implementation of religious aspects in social work with transnational migrants
- The connections between religion, culture, and nation-building, and associated dilemmas arising in social work practice in contexts of increasing economic migration
Submission Requirements

The guest editors welcome the submission of contributions. A proposal, in the form of an abstract, should be no more than 500 words in length and should address the following: background of the proposed paper; outline of content; and main discussion points.

For those proposals that will be accepted, the deadline for submission of full articles is June 15, 2013. The following table contains all deadlines and the time schedule of the focused topic on “Religion and Social Work – Transnational Perspectives”:

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Articles are to be up to 8,000 words in length and authors are required to include an abstract of their article of up to 150 words and up to six keywords, suitable for indexing and online search purposes. The authors are responsible for submitting proof-read and formatted articles. For the manuscript preparation please use the style sheet and the formatting guideline, which are available here: www.tss.uni-mainz.de/103.php

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Concept and Objective of the Journal TSR

“Transnational Social Review – A Social Work Journal” is a peer reviewed journal that offers an international forum to discuss social work and related disciplines and professions from a transnational perspective. It responds to the challenges resulting from the increasing impact of transnational social, political, economic, and cultural processes and structures upon social work. The journal aims at the transnational opening and development of social work and related fields. Its main objective is to open perspectives for making the concept of transnationalism part of the knowledge structure and practice, in order to extend and transform the legitimation, concepts, research, and methods which to date are primarily nationally-focused.

Frequency and Structure of the Journal TSR

TSR appears twice a year, guided by an international team of editors and board members at Barbara Budrich Publishers in Germany. The journal pursues an interdisciplinary approach and fits the criteria of the Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI). All articles undergo rigorous peer reviews, based on initial editor screening and anonymous reviews by two or more referees to ensure the high quality of the journal. TSR is available online as well as in print. Its main publishing language is English but the online version offers the option to include versions of the contributions in the language in which they are originally written.

Each issue consists of a cluster of articles on a focused topic as well as general articles and book reviews. Additionally, the online version includes an open-access section of brief, up-to-date reports on research, teaching, social policies, practices and everyday-life concerning the transnational worlds of social work.

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