Learning objectives

Knowledge and understanding

The course provides an historical and compared perspective about the evolution of social work in Europe in terms of theory and practice.

Applying knowledge and understanding

Provides awareness of the effects of globalization on social work and on the importance of policy practice actions.

Contents

- Social work in Europe: commonalities and differences
- Globalization and effects on social work
- International social work
- Theoretical models of social work in Europe

Detailed program

The course will present studies and analysis on the theory and practice of social work in Europe, in a comparative
perspective with in-depth examination of the experiences of some countries. It will analyze how the professional social work, strongly hinged in various national contexts, has by its nature produced experiences and profoundly different organizational forms, while aspiring to a degree of universality, scientific reliability, professional autonomy and moral responsibility. At the same time, it will reflect on the European social work in light of the social effects of globalization, to become aware of the need to acquire, even at local level, an international perspective and activate policy practice interventions.

**Prerequisites**

Mastery of theoretical knowledge and methodological basis regarding social work and good skills in learning, writing and oral communication.

**Teaching methods**

Lectures and groupwork. European and international scholars will join some lectures.

**Assessment methods**

Paper presentation for students attending lectures, oral exam for the other students.

**Textbooks and Reading Materials**

*Testo obbligatorio comune:*

W. Lorenz, “La globalizzazione e il servizio sociale”, Carocci, Roma

*Un testo obbligatorio a scelta tra:*

a) Bortoli B., “I giganti del lavoro sociale”, Erickson, Trento, (2006);


c) Dominelli L., “Il servizio sociale. Una professione che cambia”, Erickson, Trento, (2005);


Child Protection and Child Welfare Policies in Selected European Countries", Publisher University of Ostrava – ERIS with Albert Publisher;


Mandatory for everyone:

W. Lorenz, “La globalizzazione e il servizio sociale”, Carocci, Roma

One textbook to choose among the following:

a) Bortoli B., “I giganti del lavoro sociale”, Erickson, Trento, (2006);


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