

**SIG name – Workforce Research Special Interest Group (Social Work) 2022**

**Title of the event: Preparing and sustaining the social work workforce in pandemic times: Research on critical issues and challenges in international social work workforce contexts.**

**8.30 am – 09.30 Registration and coffee Location: AUAS**

**Confirmed Program – Full Day Slot**

**Presentations – 15 minutes and 5 mins Q&A**

**Theme 1 : Newly Educated Social Workers : Preparedness for Working Life**

**9.30 – 9.50**

Pia Tham, Siv-Britt Björktomta: Fit for the profession? A quantitative study involving around 300 social workers who graduated 2-5 years ago on how they experienced the transition from the education to work life, their preparedness and induction to work.

**9.50 – 10.10**

Kine Høgberg: Freshmens' perception of the first time as street level bureaucrats in child welfare

**10.10 – 10.30**

Florin Lazar, Georgiana Rentea, Daniela Gaba, Anca Mihai, Shari Munch: How Social Work education prepares recent graduates for their working life

**Coffee Break (30 minutes) 10.30-11.00 am Location: Canteen Wibaut building**

**Theme 2: Moral distress, discretion and the professional role**

**11.00– 11.20**

Maija Mänttari-van der Kuip, Denise M. Brend & Mari Huhtala: Development of the Moral Distress Instrument (MDI) and its Validation among Finnish Social Workers

**11.20 -11.40**

Pia Tham: Positive challenges in child welfare work: What has happened between 2003, 2014 and 2018?

**11.40 - 12.00**

Alf Roger Djupvik: Discretionary work in the Norwegian Labour and Welfare Administration (NAV) – how do employees experience their space for manoeuvre when implementing the activation policy?

**Lunch break 12-13 Location: Canteen Wibaut building**

### **Theme 3: Working Conditions**

#### **13.00 – 13.20**

Shirley Boyle, Open University & Judith Mullineux, LYIT: Working during the Covid-19 pandemic: practitioner perspectives on the impact of lockdown and social distancing on social work practice

#### **13.20 - 13.40**

Roar Stokken: Care for the carers! - on the link between working environment and compassion satisfaction and compassion fatigue among social workers in the Norwegian Child Welfare Agencies

### **Theme 4: Stress and burnout: international comparisons**

#### **13.40 – 14.00**

Steinunn Hrafnisdóttir: Stress and burn out among Icelandic social workers. Risk-factors contributing to stress, the main predictors and causes of stress and burn-out and which groups of social workers are at risk of developing burnout.

**Coffee/ Fruit Break 14.00 – 15.00 Location: AUAS**

#### **15.00 – 15.20**

Jimmy Munobwa: Violence and threats from service user towards social workers

#### **15.20 – 15.30 Common discussion and closing (can perhaps be prolonged)**

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