

Themed Issue Call for Papers

**Social work with asylum seekers,
refugees and other displaced groups
across Europe**

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Refugee reception and integration have been highly debated and contentious issues in Europe, particularly from 2015. Social workers, as a part of their institutional and professional mandate, have played a central and mixed role with regard to asylum seekers' and refugees' needs, rights and claims. Their individual and collective role in local civil society has also been notable. Yet social work practice with asylum seeker/refugee clients, in all of its forms, is not always well-analyzed or reflected at educational and policy levels. In light of this, our themed issue aims to develop a European-wide conversation on the many ways in which social work affects refugee reception and integration, as well as processes of exclusion and secondary mobility throughout the continent.

The aim of this themed issue of the European Journal of Social Work is to bring together a set of articles that analyse social work with asylum seekers and refugees with varying empirical focuses and theoretical perspectives. The issue as a whole will merge methodologies and theoretical perspectives from social work, including its practice-oriented approach, with migration research methodologies and theories. It will also take the analyses of social work with migrants beyond the category of migrants as 'given' and, at least to some extent, *de-migrantize* the study of social work with migrants.

We invite original contributions on one or more of the topics below. Both specific case studies and comparative accounts are encouraged, as well as historical and biographically-oriented analyses.

- Social work practice with asylum seekers and refugee reception
- Refugee trajectories within and between social service interventions
- Refugee pathways of integration and mobility in and between societies
- Social work with highly mobile populations (e.g. Roma minorities)
- Social work with different groups of refugees including women, older people, children and unaccompanied minors
- Social work with particularly vulnerable clients, including so-called "Dubliners", denied asylum seekers, etc.

- Interface between formal and informal forms of social support for asylum seekers and refugees
- Organizational arrangements and practices of social work reception agencies
- Social work advocacy, mobilization of civil society and asylum seeker/refugee engagement with it
- Influence of populist and nativist stances (including among social workers themselves) on service provision
- Interface between professional ethics and discriminatory/racist attitudes, including among social workers
- Education and training on social work with asylum seekers /refugees
- Active engagement of asylum seekers/refugees in social welfare provisions
- Social work with refugees in international organizations and NGOs

Submission Details

The guest editors invite you to submit an abstract of your proposed paper (not exceeding 300 words). This should be sent to Erica Righard, Erica Righard erica.righard@mau.se and Paolo Boccagni paolo.boccagni@unitn.it and copied to the journal's Editor in Chief Suzy Braye s.braye@sussex.ac.uk From the submitted abstracts the guest editors will select those on which they will invite full submission.

The deadline for submission of abstracts is **30th September 2018**. Decisions on the commissioning of full papers will be made by **19th October 2018**. Authors invited to prepare their full paper must submit it by **31st January 2019**. All papers submitted will be subject to full peer review prior to decisions on publication. All papers finally accepted will be published in either the themed issue or a regular issue of the journal.