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CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2025

The Women Interest Group of the IASSW is hosted by the Solidarity and Support Network with Social Work Educators, practitioners and social work students of Ukraine.

Date: 5. March 2025, 18.00 CET.

Zoom link:

<https://uni-lj-si.zoom.us/j/91899380340>

Meeting ID: 918 9938 0340

The world has become smaller in its diversity and almost unquestioned liberal neo-feudal capitalism, and at the same time it has become more conflictual, with more wars than at any time since World War II. In the early 20th century, women demanded workers' rights, equal pay with men, the right to vote, and the right to civil marriage and divorce. They marched for their rights for years until the UN recognized March 8 as International Women's Day in 1977. We want to remember the early women's rights leaders and what they accomplished. We recognize that women's rights have been eroded in the last decade, often in times of severe political, social, environmental, or war crises. In some countries, girls' and women's rights to education and employment, to reproductive rights, to freedom of movement and dress, and to live in safety have been seriously violated in recent years. How could this happen? In the face of all these adversities, the dehumanization of girls and women and the violation of their rights, social work must strengthen transnational solidarity. What are the experiences of transnational solidarity and what is the role of social workers, social work educators in these processes, are topics that we will address in presentations and joint discussions. The solidarity and support network with social work educators, students and practitioners from Ukraine living in war provides a framework for this event.

Prof. **Oksana Boyko**, National University of Kyiv - Mohyla Academy, Prof. **Darja Zaviršek**, University of Ljubljana, Prof. **Shahana Rasool**, University of Johannesburg

Invited speakers:

Tasada Joseph Awad, South Sudan: The Impact of war on female social worker's solidarity

Tasada Joseph Awad is a Senior Lecturer University of Juba, South Sudan, College of Community Studies and Rural Development. She was the coordinator for the Center for Distance Education Learning and outreach program from 2010 to 2018 and was the head of the Department of Rural Development in the College of Community Studies and Rural Development from 2020 to 2024. She is a member of the National Research Council of South Sudan at the Ministry of Higher Education Science and Technology and a member of board at the African Aid Development (AAD). Areas of lecturing: social psychosociology, gender based violence (GBV), mental health, social planning policies, social work, and social administration. She is a social work task force member and facilitator for empowering Social workers with missing skills in organizations in South Sudan sponsored by UNICEF. Email: tasadajosehp5@gmail.com

Susan Muchiri, Burundi: Social Work Professional women's solidarity and War: The Burundi perspective

Susan Muchiri, lecturer, Head of Department of Social Work and Community Development, Hope Africa University. Member of ASSWA and the Women's Interest Group in IASSW and a collaborative CATE award winner on Anti-racism in Social Work and has published works in Social Work. Hope Africa University, P.O Box 238, Bujumbura, Burundi. Email: muchiriwanjee13@gmail.com

Dr. Samah Saleh: Palestinian women and their resistance against Israeli colonial occupation

Samah Saleh is an assistant professor in the social work department at An-Najah National University, Nablus. She has a PhD from the Department of Sociology, Goldsmith-University of London and a Master's Degree in Social Work from McGill University. She also has a Masters in Gender and Development from Berziet University. She has published on women political prisoners and gender-based violence.

Warm welcome social work educators, professionals, and teachers across the globe!

