

Call for papers *'Revista de Asistență Socială' / Social Work Review Issue No. 4/2019*

The issue No. 4/2019 of the *Social Work Review* is edited by Dr. Nicoleta Neamțu, associate professor at 'Babeș-Bolyai' University, Cluj-Napoca and Dr. Mădălina Hideg, associate instructor at 'Babeș-Bolyai' University, Cluj-Napoca. The theme of this issue is '**Social Work Macro Practice**'.

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Macro Practice is known as professionally guided intervention designed to bring planned change in organizations and communities. The organizations, the communities and public policy are its levels of intervention.

This Issue aims to analyze and critically evaluate different aspects of macro practice in the social work field, relying on the following aspects: analysis and evaluation of the managerial and administrative practice, whose client systems are the organizations and the institutions; analysis and evaluation of the practice centered on communities, referring to planning, development, organizing and social action; analysis and evaluation of the public policy management; analysis and evaluation of the advocacy activities done to promote social justice. The evaluation of the above items is a starting point for the social change of a deeper structural level of the society, that helps the social worker to complete his/her role of change agent.

This Special Issue welcomes contributions that fall under the broad area of macro practice in social work and its effectiveness. Potential contributions may deal with: Human and financial resource development; Social programs evaluation; Organizational design, development, assessment and diagnosis; Leadership and personnel management; Occupational social work/Organizational social work; Advocacy at the macro practice levels; Leadership development and citizen participation in public decisions; Small group decision making; Community organizing; Economic development techniques; Legislative advocacy and lobby skills; Public policy analysis and management; Social problems analysis techniques; Social policy research.

We will especially welcome original contributions such as:

Empirical research reports – reports of original research that are structured as following: introduction, client system, intervention, methods/methodology, results and conclusions;

Social work practice case studies – they will provide in-depth analysis of the needs and social interventions centered on a client system such as organization/institution, community, social problem/at-risk group. One should analyze and assess the practice, not only describe it.

Literature reviews that are systematic – including meta-analyses, critical evaluations of published materials; the sections will be organized taking into account the relationship between concepts and not their chronological emergence; these reviews will include: concept definitions and clarifications, previous research review in order to emphasize the present research level, highlights of the relations, contradictions, gaps and inconsistencies of the concepts in the related literature, suggestions for problem solving and future concept development.

Theoretical articles – based on the related literature, they will develop new theoretical perspectives or they will analyze the existent ones, in case of macro practice or of general/specific practice (some relevant theories for macro practice are: general systems theory, ecological framework, conflict theory, organizational behavior theory, social learning theory, social change models, community organization theory, empowerment theory). The sections of the article will be organized taking into account the relationship between them, not the chronological emergence.

Opinion pieces – they will emphasize a certain point of view and they will build a persuasive case study on what kind of research is need in the field of the social work, or on what kind of interventions should be tried or assessed.

Book reviews – they comprise an analysis of a book (up to 1500 words) and not a simple description of the table of contents. The information should be relevant for the subject of the book review and they should improve the understanding of the book for the general public. The book review should include: introduction (technical aspects about the academic context of the publication and about the author, the subject relevance, the place of the book in the related literature, a comparison to other pieces of related national or international literature or to other research of the same author), the content of the book (structure, methodology, some conclusions of the chapters, some key quotes, strengths and weaknesses of the concepts and argumentation, originality of the concepts etc.), evaluation of the content and of the way it was presented, conclusions.

Manuscripts that describe an intervention should include a thorough description of the methodology that presents in a clear way the measurement criteria, their application process and the limitations involved. A final section called 'Results and further implications for practice' should be based on the lessons that could be transferred in the social work practice.

We will welcome submissions of articles authored by academics, researchers, postgraduate - PhD and MSc - students as well as by social work practitioners and managers in social services and policy makers.

Deadline for submitting papers to be considered for publication in the special issue No. 4/2019 of '*Revista de Asistență Socială*' / *Social Work Review* is 15th of September 2019.

The submission is electronic ONLY and should be emailed to ncneamtu@socasis.ubbcluj.ro or to madalina.hideg@gmail.com.

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