

Call for Abstracts for a Special Issue

Research-based Knowledge about Social Work and Sustainability

We invite you to contribute to a special journal issue that considers and deepens knowledge about social work contributions to transdisciplinary, empirical research on sustainability and sustainable development. The special issue will highlight the interconnectedness of social work interventions relating to environmental and economic sustainability.

The complexity of global sustainable development is possibly the biggest challenge of our times. A radically new level of transdisciplinary research, cross-sectoral policy-making and multi-agency practice is required in order to meet this challenge more successfully. Social work and the social problems that social workers are addressing around the globe are significantly linked with the environmental, economic and social turmoil of today's societies. However, social work research has provided limited contributions to transdisciplinary research on sustainability. This special issue offers a platform to narrow this gap and to consider what important roles social work research and practice can play in advancing sustainable development.

Possible research topics include the consideration of:

- Mechanisms through which social work knowledge has been integrated within multi-sectoral and transdisciplinary contexts of sustainability
- Interventions that improve access to environmental resources while addressing environmental degradation and poverty, inequality and discrimination
- How social work knowledge presently, or has the potential to, contribute to emerging ecological social policies at local, national, and global levels
- Strategies that community-based and local organizations employ to develop sustainable practices and cultural norms
- The role of social work in emerging social economies promoting a local sustainable development
- Social work methods and programs supporting sustainable well-being

The *International Journal of Social Welfare* has signaled preliminary interest on this issue.

Deadline for abstracts (500 words): October 14, 2018 to ingo.stamm@chydenius.fi

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You are also welcome to participate in a **symposium in Jyväskylä**, Finland, April 15 – 16, 2019 to discuss these topics. The event will be connected to the special issue but participation does not depend on the selection of abstracts. The invitation will follow early this autumn.

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