



International Conference

Educational partnership in social work practice towards improving the lives of Ghanaian children: International perspectives of the nexus of developmental social work and socio-pedagogy



Tuesday, November 30, 2021

9:00 am to 3:00 pm GMT (Kumasi),
10:00 am to 4:00 pm CET (Darmstadt)

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University of Applied Sciences Darmstadt (h_da), Germany
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Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology
(KNUST), Kumasi, Ghana

Presenters:

Prof. E. Manful, Dr. E. Asamoah,
Mr. N. Gyasi-Boadu, Dr. E. Koomson,
Dr. M. Osei
*Kwame Nkrumah, University of Science &
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Discussants:

Prof. Özden Bademci
Maltepe University, Istanbul, Turkey
Dr. Ruslan Zhylenko
Uzhhorod National University, Ukraine

Opening and closing remarks:

Prof. Katrin Luise Laezer
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Program (CET and GMT):

CET	GMT	
10:00	9:00	Opening remarks
10:10	9:10	Presentation: Dr. E. Asamoah, "Using photovoice to illuminate challenges facing children with disabilities in inclusive education in Ghana"
10:30	9:30	Discussion: Dr. Ruslan Zhylenko, "Using of Photovoice in Buddy System for Disabled Children and Youth in Ukraine"
10:50	9:50	Coffee break
11:00	10:00	Presentation: Mr. N. Gyasi-Boadu, "Practicing in a Secondary Setting and Access to Healthcare for Children: Experiences of Medical Social Workers in Ghana"
11:20	10:20	Discussion
11:40	10:40	Coffee break - breakout sessions and chats
12:00	11:00	Presentation: Dr. E. Koomson, "Dynamics of children on streets from irregular West African migrant families in Kumasi: A situational analysis"
12:20	11:20	Discussion: Prof. Özden Bademci & Melike B. Arslan "Creating A Compassionate Community Together with Street Children and University Students Through Participatory Approach in Istanbul, Turkey: The SOYAÇ Model"
12:40	11:40	Lunch break - breakout sessions and chats
14:00	13:00	Presentation: Ms. J. Ayorkor Koney & Dr. M. Osei; "Art therapy for group cohesion: A case of trafficked children in Kumasi"
14:20	13:20	Discussion
14:40	13:40	Coffee break
14:50	13:50	Presentation: Prof. E. Manful; Mr. N. Gyasi-Boadu; Dr. M. Osei & Prof. K. L. Laezer, "Kumasi Children's views of COVID-19 through arts"
15:10	14:10	Discussion
15:30	14:30	Closing remarks



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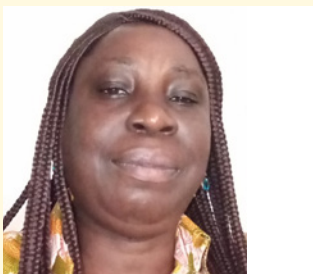
Prof. Dr. Esmeranda Manful

Esmeranda Manful is an Associate Professor with the Department of Sociology and Social Work, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology in Ghana. Her research interests focus on child and family welfare and social protection issues.



Mr. Nelson Gyasi-Boadu

Nelson Gyasi-Boadu holds a Master's Degree in Social Work and Welfare Studies and a degree in Sociology. He currently serves as a lecturer in Social Work at Department of Sociology and Social Work-KNUST. He has over ten years direct practice experience, working with NGO's and other Social Welfare Institutions, and has research interest in Health and Social Care, Disability and Child Welfare.



Dr. Elizabeth Koomson-Yalley

Dr. Elizabeth Koomson-Yalley is a lecturer at the Department of Sociology and Social Work in the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) in Ghana. Her research interests include gender and development, migration, and health disparities of rural communities.



Dr. Mavis Osei

Mavis is an artist, art educator, art therapist and a Fulbright alumna with twelve years as a dedicated university lecturer in the Department of Educational Innovations in Science and Technology, KNUST with outstanding classroom management skills and the ability to tailor lessons to suit different learners in the area of Aesthetics, Educational Psychology and Art Therapy. She has also had the experience in the creation and successful running of two art therapy programmes for about 30 mental health clients' for over nine months.



Dr. Edward Asamoah

Edward Asamoah is a Lecturer at the Department of Sociology and Social Work at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi-Ghana. He obtained his PhD in Applied Social Sciences and majored in Social Work from the City University of Hong Kong. Edward's research interest includes but is not limited to School Social Work, Inclusive Education for Children with Disabilities and Children Migration using Qualitative Research Methods.



Presenters:



Dr. Ruslan Zhylenko

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Prof. Dr. H. Özden Bademci

H. Özden Bademci holds an associate professorship in clinical psychology at Maltepe University in Istanbul, Turkey. She is the Founder Director for Research and Application Centre for Street Children (SOYAÇ) at Maltepe University. Bademci has played a leading role in the establishment of the first University Centre in Turkey that is dedicated to address the rehabilitation and protection needs of vulnerable children and youth. In recognition for her contribution and commitment work to create positive social change that improves the lives of vulnerable children in 2017, The British Council in Turkey awarded Bademci with the UK Alumni Social Impact Award.



Melike Beste Arslan

Melike Beste Arslan is a psychologist working at Maltepe University Research and Application Centre for Street Involved Children (SOYAÇ). She has an undergraduate degree in psychology and a master's degree in child and adolescent psychology from Leiden University. In SOYAÇ, Melike is actively involved as an assistant coordinator in trauma-informed, community-based interdisciplinary projects aiming to provide psychosocial support for at-risk children and families.