



Child Wellbeing, Foster Care & Social Work

**XI Social Work
International Seminar**

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FCH/UCP | Lisbon
12 & 13 December 2019
Exhibition Room



I. Context and Objectives

This seminar takes place within the context of the on-going activities of the Católica Research Centre for Psychological, Family and Social Wellbeing (CRC-W). The seminar is also held in partnership with the Inter-University PhD Social Work Programme between Catholic University of Portugal and University of Coimbra and in collaboration with the FCH/UCP Post-Graduate Program on Child and Youth Protection System.

The child wellbeing remains a very relevant and challenging issue in the Portuguese society. In the last years public policy reforms are being intended in this field in order to achieve higher patterns of child protection and developmental conditions. Child wellbeing and particularly the foster care is also a CRC-W research proposal. In these circumstances child wellbeing and foster care presents as a stimulating context to promote this seminar.

In this framework the objectives of the seminar are:

- To contribute to disseminate the research and debates on child wellbeing and foster care practices and policies;
- To analyse the contribution of the social work research to the child wellbeing and foster care policies improvement;
- To create the opportunity for debate and reflection among researchers, doctorate, post-graduate students and child protection system practitioners in related relevant topics.

II. Addressees

- CRC-W researchers and collaborators
- Students of UCP, UC and other PhD Social Work Programmes
- Social work academics
- Researchers and child protection professionals interested in the study of child wellbeing and foster care

12 December 2019

09.30 | **Opening Session**

Head of School of Human Sciences

Director of Católica Research Centre for Psychological, Family and Social Wellbeing

10.00 | Conference: **Children Rights in a Portuguese and Global Perspective**

Keynote speaker | **Rosário Farmhouse***, Presidente da Comissão Nacional de Promoção dos Direitos e Proteção das Crianças e Jovens

Chair | Ana Oliveira, *CRC-W, Catholic University of Portugal*

11.30 | Coffee break

12.00 | **Debate**

13.00 | Lunch

14.30 | **Children Protection and Foster Care : Issues, Challenges and Research Perspectives**

Keynote speakers | **Ingrid Höjer**, University of Gothenburg, Sweden; **Robert Gilligan**, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland; **Maria Barbosa Ducharne**, Centro de Psicologia da Universidade do Porto

Chair | Francisco Branco, *CRC-W, Catholic University of Portugal*

16,00 | Coffee break

16,30 | **Debate**

13th December 2019

10.00 | **Foster Families and Social Work in Portugal**

Keynote speaker | **Elisa Veiga**, Faculdade de Educação e Psicologia and CEDH, UCP Porto; **Celina Cláudio**, Fundação Mundos de Vida; **Ana Gaspar**, Santa Casa da Misericórdia de Lisboa

Chair | Elisete Diogo, *CRC-W, Catholic University of Portugal*

11.30 | Coffee break

12.00 | **Debate**

13.00 | Lunch

14.30 | **Parallel Sessions**

16,30 | **Closing Session**

* To be confirmed

IV. Call for Papers

Dead line for Abstracts Submission: 3rd November 2019

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The program will include contributions from academics guests with experience on this topic and a call for papers by researchers in the field (academics, PhD students, researchers) and professionals with interesting experiences in social work and other social professions. The organizers call for the submission of communications on this topic based on the research work or professional experience developed by the proposed author. Thus, three main streams and different themes can be considered for presentation of communications:

1. Children Rights and Wellbeing

- Children Rights, Social Justice and Family Policies
- Children Rights, Social Justice and Welfare Services and Policy Innovation
- Children Rights, Social Justice and Diversity

2. Children Protection and Foster Care

- Children Protection, Foster Care and Family-Based Care
- Children Protection, Foster Care and Attachment & Resilience

3. Intervention with Foster Families

- Foster Families Training
- Foster Families Support and Empowerment

Abstracts submission

Abstracts should include:

- An indication to which stream theme (see above) the paper fits.
- A summary in English and Portuguese of the paper's theme (max 500 words) including Title, Keywords, Background and purpose; Methods; Findings; and Implications or Applications.

Abstracts have to be submitted until 3rd November 2019, 23:55 (local time) on EasyChair platform <https://easychair.org>

Acceptance of paper proposals

The Organising Committee will send out information about the acceptance of paper proposals by **17th November 2019**.

V. Registration

Dates **Early registration:** until November 12th

Late registration: after November 12th

Fees

- CRC-W researchers, PIUDSS professors, FCH and FPCE doctoral and master's students with regular enrollment, guests - no registration fee
- Internship advisors and partners of FCH and FPCE - early registration 20€ | late registration 25€
- Other participants - early registration 30€ | late registration 35€



Registration form

Working Languages

The working languages of the seminar are Portuguese and English.

Translation support

Summary of the conferences in English by the chair of the session; delivery of the presentations and / or scripts of the conferences in a foreign language and, if possible, with a translation into Portuguese

Organisation

- Católica Research Centre for Psychological, Family and Social Wellbeing
- Inter-University Social Work PhD Programme

Organising Committee

Francisco Branco (chair), Ana Oliveira, Antonela Jesus, Elisete Diogo, Graça André, Inês Guerra, Inês Pereira, Isabel Vieira, Teresa Ramos

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