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Course Unit Program
Social Work and Society

Academic Year 2023/2024

1. Organic Unit

Higher Institute of Social Work

2. Course

SOCIAL WORK

3. Cycle

1st

4. Course Unit

Social Work and Society (L4409)

5. Scientific Area

6. Curricular Year

1st

7. Type of Curricular Unit / Semester

2nd Semester



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8. Class type and workload (work time)

Theoretical classes:	30,00
Practical classes:	
Theoretical-Practical Classes	
Tutorial Guidance:	20,00

9. ECTS Credits

6,00

10. Scientific Area Coordinator

11. Regent

Prof. Doutora TERESA PAULA GARCIA RODRIGUES DA SILVA

12. Assistants

13. Teaching Language

Portuguese

14. General Objectives

Promote reflection on society as a complex whole and analyze the growing trends in relation to "postmodern" social dynamics that create new "social spaces" and possibilities for social innovation in the practice of Social Work in the 21st century.

Analyze the phenomena arising from the risk society, in a context of globalization and societal transformation, and the adoption of new social and political attitudes by the A.S. in the face of the emergence of new social risks.

15. Specific Objectives

- Establish the relationship between societal transformations and new "social spaces" that enhance processes of Social Innovation within the framework of Social Service praxis
- Develop a reflective analysis on contemporary social issues through a transdisciplinary vision
- Identify key trends and social forces shaping Social Work.

16. Skills to be acquired

- Apprehend the different ways of conceptualizing "Society", establishing a bridge with models of knowledge and intervention in Social Work.
- Identify structural dimensions of the ethical-political project of Social Work in contemporary society.
- Establish relationships between social change processes and Social Work
- Rethink intervention models in the localized management of social problems, based on a transdisciplinary point of view.



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17. Teaching Methodology

Create "habitus" of reflective analysis and critical reading of the bibliography included in the Program and Syllabus.

Theoretical exposition of the subject, by the teacher, from reference authors;

Presentation of key ideas, by the students, based on reading the bibliography, followed by a debate by the class.

18. Course Unit Program

I Social Service and Society

1. Social Work and Society a complex and dynamic relationship
2. Different ways of conceptualizing "Society"
3. Societal transformations, key trends and social forces shaping Social Work

II Globalization and Risk in Contemporary Societies

1. Risk Society, Change and Social Innovation
2. The principle of Social Citizenship in the Global Era
3. Human Rights, Cultural Diversity and Local Identities

III The Challenges of Contemporary Societies: Social Work in the 21st Century

1. The social issue today and different perspectives on social change
2. Development patterns and alternative scenarios: impact on the Social Worker's praxis
3. The immaterial dimension of Social Work in promoting collective well-being: re-signification of social problems and new arenas of social intervention
4. Lines and paradigms for the development of Social Work in the 21st century.

19. Assessment Methods

2 individual tests with consultation

- 1 group work

In accordance with the weighting defined by the General Regulation for the Assessment of Knowledge of the Lusíada University of Lisbon

20. Didactic Resources

Power point

Documentary Videos

Supporting Texts from reference authors

Discussion of topics on the readings carried out

21. Sustainability Objectives

The Social work and Society C.U. aims to contribute to sustainability in the following areas: 1-Substantially increase the number of young people and adults with relevant qualifications, including technical and professional skills, for employment, decent work and entrepreneurship. 2-Ensuring equal opportunities in university education

3-Respect for cultural diversity. Social and environmental responsibility. 4-Training capacities to put the SDGs 2023, UN into practice.



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22. Keywords

Complex Society
Risk Society
Social service
Social Innovation
Social Citizenship

23. Main Bibliography

Author(s): Ulrich, Beck
Title: Sociedade de Risco - Rumo a uma outra modernidade
Edition: 1^a Year: 2010
Local: São Paulo
Publisher: Editora 34

Author(s): Mouro, Helena
Title: Modernização do Serviço Social. Da Sociedade Industrial à Sociedade do Risco
Edition: 1^a Year: 2009
Local: Coimbra
Publisher: Almedina

Author(s): Dominelli, Lena
Title: Social Work in a Globalizing World
Edition: 1^a Year: 2010
Local: Oxford
Publisher: Polity Press

24. Complementary Bibliography

Author(s): Wilson, Kate et alli
Title: Social Work. An Introduction to contemporary practice
Edition: 2^a Year: 2011
Local: London
Publisher: Longman

Author(s): Davies, Martin
Title: The Blackwell Companion to Social Work
Edition: 3^a Year: 2008
Local: London
Publisher: Blackwell Publishing



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