

**2nd European Conference
for Social Work Research**

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Social work research in the international context: the challenges of comparison and generalisation

In an increasingly globalised world the relationship between the local, regional, national and international is becoming ever more blurred. Social work practitioners will often work within a localised context, yet draw on policies and practices devised elsewhere. Similarly those researching social work are increasingly drawing on the findings, methods and ideas of researchers from across the world. Modern means of communication and increased ease of travel means that traditional barriers to the exchange and development of ideas are increasingly becoming less problematic. It is important for practitioners, policy makers and researchers that forums exist for the free exchange and mutual development of ideas, such as the 2nd European Conference for Social Work Research (ECSWR). This forum gives social work researchers the opportunity to explore some of the key issues facing research today, issues such as:

What is the current scope and significance of research in social work?

What are the various ways in which locally collected research results can be transferred or generalised?

Where do we stand with international comparative studies?

Are there examples of good practice in the utilisation and dissemination of research?

What are the possible ways that social work researchers can collaborate across regional and national boundaries? What examples of good practice can be developed in this over the coming years?

The 2nd European Conference for Social Work Research (ECSWR) is being organised by the Swiss Society of Social Work and will be co-hosted by the University of Basel and the University of Applied Sciences Northwestern Switzerland. The University of Basel is well known for its scientific profile in culture and life sciences, while application-oriented research and development occupies a central position at the University of Applied Sciences Northwestern Switzerland. With such a strong research base these institutions provide a perfect venue for the conference.

This conference provides an ideal opportunity for researchers to discuss their research, explore the research of others and forge new contacts. We look forward to welcoming you to the 2nd European Conference for Social Work Research (ECSWR) in this beautiful part of the world where France, Germany and Switzerland meet.

Conference Venue:

University of Basel
Kollegienhaus
Petersplatz 1
4051 Basel, Switzerland

How to get there:

The city of Basel is served by Euro Airport, which is located in French territory 5 km north of the city. The airport is shared between Basel (Switzerland), Mulhouse (France) and Freiburg (Germany). Alternatively Zürich Airport is an hour's train ride away.

Start: Thursday, 22nd March 2012, 18:00

End: Saturday, 24th March 2012, 17:00

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Call for Papers: Opening in May 2011

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Conference partners and members: € 300 / CHF 400

Early Bird Rates: € 300 / CHF 400

Conference Partners and Members: € 250 / CHF 350
(Registration by 15th December, 2011)

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