CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL WORK CONFERENCE
ON SOCIAL WORK AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Seoul, Korea: June 4th – 5th, 2015
Abstract Submission Deadline: March 30th, 2015

Korean American Social Work Educators Association (KASWEA) and Asian & Pacific Islander Social Work Educators Association (APISWEA) in the United States, in collaboration with the Korea National Association of Social Workers (KNASW), announces the Call for Abstracts for the upcoming “International Social Work Conference on Social Work and Social Justice,” to be held in Seoul, Korea, on June 4th-5th (Thursday-Friday), 2015.

This conference aims to foster rigorous, meaningful and forward-looking discussions on contemporary social issues promoting social work practices. Presentations should offer research evidence, creative theory development, new and refined methods in social service delivery and social work education geared at improving social justice. Conference topics include, but are not limited to, the following issues related to social justice:

- Urbanization and its issues: drugs, street children, sex industry
- Rural/urban immigration issues
- Migrant labor/human trafficking issues
- Mental health (including contemporary and traditional forms of healing)
- Improving access to basic services—education, health, sanitation, nutrition, etc.
- Intergenerational social issues
- Human right issues
- Disaster and environmental justice
- Child protection issues—abuse, neglect & exploitation
- Effects of changes in social environment and population structure (fertility, ageing)
- Social work education—trends, successes and challenges
- Ageing Issues and Ageism

Abstracts of no more than 500 words (problem statement, methodology, results, and conclusion) should be submitted in English or Korean to sungseek@mailbox.sc.edu and mojohwang@korea.ac.kr by March 30th, 2015. We welcome submissions of the following different types of presentations: paper presentations (20 mins), panel presentations (1 hr), or workshops (1 hr) all including Q & A. In the abstract, please provide the title, type of presentation, and the content only. On a separate cover sheet, please include the title of the
presentation, presenter name(s) with their titles, affiliations, email addresses & phone numbers. Up to two abstracts can be submitted per presenter/team. Acceptance notices will be sent to email addresses by April 15th, 2015. High quality papers will be considered for publication with Springer’s book series on *International Perspectives on Social Policy, Administration, and Practice*. Additionally, we also invite you to Poster Sessions to present your work on current and pressing issues of research in social work and related topics.

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Optional Excursions
Participants can join a half day field visit on June 6th to learn more about the context and some pressing issues in Korea. Additionally, for participants interested in visiting the Hall of Independence or other incredible sites of Korea after the conference, linkages with organized tour opportunities will be made available. Further information will be made available on the APISWEA website to be established soon.