

SENSE AND SENSIBILITY in Social Work with Families and Children

An innovative approach, multicultural perspective
and practical applications



10.00-16.00
Tuesday June, 17th 2025



Sala delle Edicole,
Piazza Capitaniato, Padova (Italy)

This conference explores the innovative "Sense and Sensibility" approach in social work, inspired by the recent book *Sense and Sensibility in Social Work: Families and Children: European Perspectives on Developments in Child Protection and Welfare*.

We examine how 'sense' - applying knowledge and reason within cultural and socio-political contexts - combines with 'sensibility' - focusing on relationships, co-creation, and trust-building - to transform social and educational interventions.

Join leading experts to discuss this perspective's impact on child protection and family welfare across Europe.

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MORNING PROGRAM

Languages of the presentations and Interpretation service

Presentations will be delivered in Italian and English. A **simultaneous interpretation service from Italian to English and vice versa** will be available via the Zoom platform. Participants attending in person who wish to use the interpretation service are kindly requested to bring a **personal device** (smartphone, tablet or computer) with access to Zoom, as well as a pair of **earphones** or **headphones**.

9.30-10.00 Participant registration

10.00-10.30 Opening Remarks and Institutional Welcome

- **Monica Fedeli** Vice-Rector for Third Mission, University of Padua (to be confirmed)
- **Egidio Robusto** Director of the Department of Philosophy, Sociology, Pedagogy and Applied Psychology, University of Padua
- **Margherita Colonnello** Councilor for Social Affairs, Integration, Participation, Right to Education, Labor, Equal Opportunities, and Combating Gender-Based Violence (to be confirmed)

10.30-11.15 Steps toward a new approach

- *Risks and opportunities of the transformation of social work in Europe. The experience of 30 years of research*
Interview to **Edgar Marthinsen** Emeritus Professor, Department of Social work, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, Norway and to **Brid Featherstone** Emeritus Professor of Social Work, University of Huddersfield, UK
- *Re-signifying social work in Europe*
Interview to **Sara Serbati** Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, Sociology, Pedagogy and Applied Science, University of Padova, Italy

11.15-12.45 Lightning Talks: Core Values in Action in Social Work

- **Why National, Regional, and Local Support is key to innovating Child Protection and Family Services**
Laura Yliruka (Finland) *Experience of collaborative Innovation in Child Protection in a Finish national programme*

Paola Milani (Italy) *The Need for a Support System to Break the Cycle of Disadvantage: Insights from the P.I.P.P.I. Programme*

- **Co-research in social work: what is the role of the research function during intervention?**
Sara Serbati (Italy) *Children and families as co-researchers during evaluation*
Federico Zullo (Italy) *Young Care Leavers as co-researchers: Enhancing practice through lived experience*
Caroline Mc Gregor (Ireland, online) *Balancing Protection and Support: The Role of a practice research approach*
- **How to realise children and families' participation in Child Protection**
Francesca Maci (Italy) *Family Involvement in Child removal processes: bridging aspirations and reality in the P.I.P.P.I. Programme*
Edgar Marthinsen (Norway) *A mind for learning. Applying knowledge with sensibility*
- **Beyond Family Boundaries: Fostering Meaningful Relationships in Community Settings**
Nuria Fuentes-Peláez (Spain) *Communication as the backbone of intervention in group with families*
Andrea Petrella (Italy) *Community mapping: Participatory ways to harnessing local resources for enhanced well-being*
- **Engaging practitioners through continuous training: focus on methodology**
Laura Yliruka (Finland) *Training on the systemic-dialogical way of thinking in social work practice*
Anne Moe (Norway) *Innovative assessment tools in social work: exploring the Life Wheel approach*
Marco Ius (Italy) *Reflective practice in the P.I.P.P.I. Programme train the trainers*

12.45-14.00 Lunch break

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

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14.00-16.00 Thematic Roundtable

Multi-stakeholder Dialogue: From Research to Practice in Social Work

This session will be conducted in Italian with simultaneous English translation provided

With contributions from:

- **Romolo De Camillis** Director General for Social Development and Poverty Aid, Ministry of Labor and Social Policies (to be confirmed)
- **Mariateresa Paladino** Social and Socio-educational Policies Service, Emilia Romagna Region (Italy)
- **Angela Vignozzi** Welfare and Social Innovation Department, Tuscany Region (Italy)
- **Luca Agostinetti** SIPED (Italian Society of Pedagogy) and Associate Professor of Pedagogy (Padova University, Italy)
- **Silvia Fargion** President of the Italian Society of Social Work and Full Professor of Social Work (Trento University, Italy)
- **Francesca Schir** National Council of the Order of Psychologists and researcher of Pedagogy (Bozen University, Italy)
- **Antonella Labianca** Carocci Publishing House (Italy)
- **Isobel Baiton** (online) Policy Press Publishing House (UK)

Discussion topics:

Applicability of the presented research in the European/Italian context
Challenges and opportunities for implementing innovative practices
Role of professional training and education in adopting new approaches
Future perspectives for research and practice in social work in Italy

Q&A Session

Questions from the audience, including professionals and students

Summary and Conclusions

Moderator

Cristina da Rold Data journalist freelance



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