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INVESTING IN FAMILIES

SOCIAL POLICY AND SOCIAL PRACTICE IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

April 24-26, 2019, Lodz, Poland

Faculty of Economics and Sociology, University of Lodz

CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS:

Department of Applied Sociology and Social Work, Institute of Sociology, University of Lodz

CO-ORGANIZERS:

- Polish Committee of the European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN Poland)
- Section of Social Work of the Polish Sociological Association (PTS)
- Section of Sociology of Family of the Polish Sociological Association (PTS)

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE:

- Prof. Jolanta Grotowska-Leder (University of Lodz, Head of the Section of Social Work of Polish Sociological Association) - Chair
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- Prof. Iwona Taranowicz (University of Wroclaw, Head of the Section of Sociology of Family of the Polish Sociological Association)
- Prof. Wielisława Warzywoda-Kruszyńska (University of Marie Skłodowska-Curie)

CONFERENCE DESCRIPTION:

The aim of this 5th edition conference is to discuss theoretical frameworks, research results, policy solutions and methods of professional work with families in Central and Eastern European countries and to assess whether the solutions fit in the framework of social investments. The interest is focused on all activities of public and non-public bodies aimed at helping families with problems typical for their life-course stage, as well as families experiencing other, particular issues.

The conference builds an opportunity to exchange knowledge and experience between researchers, policy creators and practitioners representing disciplines and working fields such as sociology, economy, psychology, pedagogy, social policy, social work, medicine, and

law constituting an international network of specialists working towards setting up innovative solutions to improve the well-being of families.

The specific issues include:

- The Family as issue of social investments.
- Changes and interconnectedness of public policies and family policy in the Central and Eastern Europe countries.
- Child- and Family-Centered Policies - Investing in children (the investments in early education and care, the participation of children and youth, the children's health).
- Protecting families with children at special risks (children with behavioral and educational issues, special needs, illness, violence)
- The public policy for families with elderly and disabled persons.
- Supporting the families with mental illnesses and chronically ill persons
- Policy towards transnational families and migrating families
- Policy aimed at solidifying family (anti-violence and anti-addiction prevention, mediation, counselling, therapies)
- Policies towards alternative family forms
- Social work with families from perspectives of public institutions and NGOs
- Efficiency and effectiveness of social investments in families
- Investing in families in other non-CEE countries

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- **Conference languages:**
 - English (main events, panels, key-note speeches, group sessions)
 - Polish (group sessions)
- **Important dates:**
 - **February 28th, 2019** – registration deadline – please fill in the **registration form** available at:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1XSGu5mfCevdSqXIQ8FpqQjcZHW0nseeWZINg0kvc1Sg>

- March 5th, 2019 – information about
 - **March 31st, 2019** – conference fee submission deadline
- **The conference fee is:**
 - **125 EUR** – standard
 - **75 EUR** – for students, including doctoral students
 - The conference fee covers: conference materials, meals (lunches, coffee breaks, two dinners), publication of an article (if accepted by reviewers)¹.
- **The conference bank account** for international money transfers:
 - **IBAN:** PL 07 1240 3028 1111 0010 2943 4436
 - **BIC/SWIFT:** PKOPPLPW

¹ Conference Participants do not receive remuneration for presenting and/or publishing their articles nor reimbursement of travel/ accommodation costs.

- **Bank transfer title:** "INVESTING 5"
- **Conference website:** <http://social.investments.uni.lodz.pl/?lang=en>
- **Venue:**
 - **Faculty of Economics and Sociology, University of Lodz**
(www.eksoc.uni.lodz.pl/en/)
 - **Address:** Polskiej Organizacji Wojskowej (POW) no. 3/5, 90-255 Łódź, Poland
(<http://www.eksoc.uni.lodz.pl/contact/faculty/location-1/#nav>)
 - The Faculty is located close to the city center, the main street of the city (Piotrkowska Street) is 5-10 minutes away from the Faculty.
 - **You can get here by:**
 - **Trams:** 1, 4, 5, 7, 9, 12, 13, 15
 - **Buses:** 57, 70, 86, 96 (<http://www.mpk.lodz.pl/lang.action?lang=en>)
 - **City bicycles:** The station of city bicycles is located at the entrance of D building of our Faculty (<https://lodzkirowerpubliczny.pl/en/>)
 - **Taxi:** (0048) 800 400 400; (0048) 800 500 500; (0048) 664 608 608

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