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School of Social Sciences

Book Launch, Symposium and Workshop:



Disrupting Whiteness in Social Work: Exploring Decolonisation in Pedagogy and Practice

Edited by Sonia Tascón and Jim Ife Formally Launched by Jasmina Bajraktarevic- Head of Community Development at STARTTS



Friday, 20th March 2020

Morning Session: 9:30am - 12:30pm (Morning Tea Provided on Arrival) Afternoon Session: 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Location: Parramatta City Campus, Western Sydney University, Level 9, Conference Room 3. Macquarie Street, Parramatta.

Please join us in celebrating the launch of Disrupting Whiteness in Social Work, edited by Sonia Tascón and Jim Ife, published by Routledge. This book focuses on the epistemic – the way in which knowledge is understood, constructed, transmitted and used. The chapter authors are social workers of different cultural backgrounds, exploring the assumed whiteness of mainstream social work knowledge, and ways this can be challenged, through decolonisation in social work education and in practice.

Morning Session

The morning session will include the launch of the book- Disrupting Whiteness in Social Work. This session will also provide an opportunity for all attendees to engage in round-table conversations with the chapter authors, about the ideas they explored in the book. A light morning tea will be provided on arrival.

Afternoon Session:

The afternoon session will be an opportunity for social work educators (both university-based and field educators) and the chapter authors, to workshop ways to incorporate these ideas into the social work curriculum and pedagogical practice. Facilitated by Dr Katarzyna Olcoń from the University of Wollongong, using the 'World Café' research methodology, it is an invitation to a group dialogue and collective action that aims to "disrupt whiteness" in social work classrooms.

Chapter Authors in Attendance:

Bindi Bennett, Kathomi Gatwiri, Siew Fang Law, Jim Ife, Tracie Mafile'o, Jioji Ravulo, Sonia Tascón, Sharlotte Tusasiirwe and Lobna Yassine.

This Event is Free, RSVP is Essential:

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