

Title and Code of Course: **Social Work Histories of Complicity and Resistance**

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Credit Point Value: 6	Number of Lessons per Week: 2	Type of Course: Seminar X Lecture <input type="checkbox"/>	Method of Evaluation: Examination <input type="checkbox"/> In-Class Group Presentation X Other X: Assignments and in-class activity
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Course Description:

The course covers Ioakimidis – Wyllie (2023) book on Social Work Histories of Complicity and Resistance – stories from the very recent history of social work from different parts of the world, where social workers were mandated to serve at worst, as oppressive agents of the state or in other cases, just assist in systems that worked against the basic values of social work. Yet in all these contested periods there were social workers who chose to resist and work in empowering ways to enhance social justice. The stories covered in the seminar are selected chapters from the book covering Canada and the Sixties Scoop, Ireland's treatment of unmarried mothers and their children, social work during the apartheid in South Africa or in Nazi Germany, more contemporary stories about the support of refugees in Cyprus, and empowering ways of working together with users and using decolonialising practice.

Students shall be expected to read chapters of the book (15-25 pages on average) and write a short summary about them. During the class, we will discuss the stories read and reflect on their lessons to students of 2024.

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- Noble, Carolyn (2023): Reconciling systematic abuse of children and young women with social work's commitment to a human rights, transformative practice; IN: Ioakimidis, Vasiliou – Wyllie, Aaron (eds): *Social Work's Histories of Complicity and Resistance – a Tale of Two Professions*. Bristol University Press. (pp. 41-53)
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- Trumujkuniotis, Nicos – Vassilis, Tsianos (2023): A refugee crisis or a crisis of anti-immigrant politics? Hostile refugee reception, the pandemic and new solidarities in Cyprus; IN: Ioakimidis, Vasiliou – Wyllie, Aaron (eds): *Social Work's Histories of Complicity and Resistance – a Tale of Two Professions*. Bristol University Press. (pp. 183-203)