

# WOMEN THE FUTURE

## INVENTING THE FUTURE - SOCIAL WORK IN TRANSITION

**AN INTERNATIONAL LECTURE SERIES BY THE DGSA SPECIALIST GROUP "INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL WORK"**

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Economic, social, and ecological crises around the world are reshaping the scope and responsibilities of Social Work. Poverty, climate emergencies, environmental degradation, populism and racism, inadequate healthcare, precarious international human rights, and forced migration due to wars and conflicts are driving profound social change. This online lecture series, organized by several universities and the International Social Work specialist group of the DGSA, presents current projects, contributions, and debates from different regions worldwide. It offers insights into the diverse approaches and critical discourses shaping Social Work today.

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| MAY 05                       | <b>"Inventare il futuro" Danilo Dolci (1924-1997) Reloaded</b><br><i>Daniela Dolci, Alberto Biondo, Fabian Bologna &amp; Andrea Schmelz</i><br>Host: Andrea Schmelz  | JUN 16 | <b>The Role of Social Workers in Promoting Social Inclusion in Poland</b><br><i>Przemysław E. Kaniok, Poland</i><br>Host: Małgorzata Dorota Michling                                      |
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| MAY 19<br>9 AM -<br>10.30 AM | <b>Decolonising Legal Systems for First Nations People: Social Workers' Role and Interprofessional Collaboration in Practice</b><br><i>Fiona Allison &amp; Jackie MacDonald, Australia</i><br>Host: Małgorzata Dorota Michling | JUN 30 | <b>Sozialarbeit der Hoffnung</b><br><i>Ronald Lutz, Germany</i>   |
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