

International University Week Linz 2023

TOPIC: Participation in Social Work

Participation means the involvement of individuals, groups and communities in decision-making processes which affect them directly or indirectly.

Clients of social work are often people who are marginalized and excluded from several areas of life such as housing market, labour market or political participation. They are also different forms and levels of participation for clients as service users within social organisations.

Participation is about recognizing the right of clients to be involved. It means moving from doing services **“to”** people to doing things **with** them. Participation does not exclude the need for support. It concerns the matter how the support is provided and should increase the autonomy of service users.

Teachers and students are invited to show different forms of exclusion and inclusion concerning clients of all areas of social work in their countries and present concrete examples of participation practices in social organizations and demonstrate the benefits and added value of participation for all stakeholders in the field of social work.

Organization:

Maximum number of student participants: **90**

Participation fee for students: **€ 175.-**; includes accommodation for 5 nights; welcome dinner, lunch from tuesday to friday; weekly travel pass for busses and potential trip to Mauthausen concentration camp.

We were able to make reservation in two hostels (for-bed-, six-bed rooms) for 90 students:

1 hostel: 68 places (includes breakfast); 1 hostel 22 places (no breakfast):

We need a list of participating students of each University latest until 10th December; otherwise we lose reservation (list should include name, sex and email address of students)

Deadline for abstracts: 15th January

For the world café we invite students to make a poster presentation of their universities and share food of their countries with the other students.

Accommodation for teachers: we recommend Amedia Hotel <https://amedia-hotel-linz.hotel-mix.de/> (2 minutes on foot from our University).

Programme:

Monday, 17 April 2023

- 8:30 Registration
- 9:30 Introduction
- 10:15 Break
- 10:30 Lectures/Workshops
- 11:30 World Café
- 14:30 Workshops
- 18:30 Welcome Dinner

Tuesday, 18 April 2023

- 9:00 Lectures/Workshops
- 10:45 Break
- 11:00 Lecture/Workshop
- 12:30 Lunch Break
- 14:30 Field visits

Wednesday, 19 April 2023

- 9:00 Lectures/Workshops
- 10:45 Break
- 11:00 Lectures/Workshops
- 12:30 Lunch Break
- 14:30 optional: guided Tour Concentration Camp Mauthausen (max. 50 participants;
alternative: free afternoon, discover Linz-3City, shopping)
- 18:30 Dinner for Lecturers at the restaurant "Pöstlingberg Schloßl"

Thursday, 20 April 2023

- 9:00 Lectures/Workshops
- 10:45 Break
- 11:00 Lectures/Workshops
- 12:30 Lunch Break
- 14:30 Field visits:
- 20:00 Student party

Friday, 21 April 2023

- 10:00 Closing Session and Evaluation¹
- 11:30 Farewell Lunch