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### **Faculty of Social Work has been chosen as one of three „institutional research priorities“ of the University of Applied Sciences Landshut (Germany)**

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„The German Rectors' Conference/*Hochschulrektorenkonferenz* (HRK) is a voluntary association of government-funded or -accredited universities and higher education institutions in Germany.“ (see [www.hrk.de](http://www.hrk.de)). It provides a research map to enable people to search for the 'institutional research priorities' of German universities and universities of applied sciences. The universities of applied sciences have been asked to list up to three research priorities each, although these universities are, of course, pursuing outstanding research in many additional areas across a wide range of subjects.

The faculty of social work (together with the faculty of economics) has been chosen as one of these three research priorities of the University of Applied Sciences Landshut. Under the general scheme of “social change and social justice” the members of the Faculty of Social Work are working on different projects.

Social work research focuses on social problems related to processes in changing societies. Its aim is to develop policies related concepts of change for social work practice with a strong focus to social justice. Part of the social problems social work research is working on are exclusion, resilience, empowerment, public health and the demographic change in an unequal society.

Members of the Faculty of Social Work of the University of Applied Sciences Landshut currently are working on five major research projects funded with a total sum of more than one million Euro for the next years. The new “institutional research priority” is combining the different projects for the faculty under the general scheme of “social change and social justice”.

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