



## **ERIS Web Journal 2/2014**

### **Editorial**

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This issue 2/2014 of the ERIS Web Journal is an open issue and not focussed on a specific theme. Four articles have been chosen by the editorial board.

The first article by Malcolm Payne focus on European social works and their identities. Author argues that there is not only unified social work, but that there are many social works across Europe. He presents a range of ways in which it is possible to understand the focus of social work. These differences are still part of continuing discourse within the social work profession and more broadly within the societies in which it operates. Author argues that social work needs to work to create a range of identities relevant to the social circumstances that we face. Social work education and research is needed to contribute to that work.

The second article by Nad'a Kovalčíková, Lukáš Pavelek, Miriam Slaná and Martina Žáková is also on the topic of social work identity. The authors have a look at specific area of social work– social work in hospital settings. They present the findings on professional identity of social workers, mainly the status of the profession, the relationship of social work to other disciplines, and the description of social workers professional approach toward the clients.

The third article by Gabriela Nytra and Zuzana Vontorová presents research findings on social situation of seniors facing life crisis and strategies used by seniors to manage these crisis. They are focussing especially on way how seniors interpret widowhood, diseases, limitation or loss of self-sufficiency, what kind of procedures they used to cope with consequences of mentioned above, and what is the role of health and social services in used strategies.

The fourth article by Lenka Krhutová is highlighting and describing the importance of specific research in social work development and its use. It supports the ongoing discourse on specific features of social work research and creates opportunities for the application of research skills and knowledge for social work practice. The aim of this paper is to present terminology, legislation, social and economic aspects of particular university research in the Czech Republic and point out the possibility of using it in area of social work research and social work education. The realized research project has been chosen to illustrate using of selected methodological and didactic aspects of this type of research.