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Decolonizing International Social Work Education

Please join us for the inaugural event in a series hosted by CSWE's Council on Global Social Issues! In today's increasingly interconnected world, it is essential to prepare social workers with a deep understanding of global perspectives and the ability to practice effectively across diverse cultural contexts, both locally and internationally. However, current curricula often fall short in equipping students for practice beyond domestic settings. This event will bring together educators, practitioners, and scholars for a collaborative discussion on the integration of global approaches and the urgent need to decolonize international social work education.

Speakers



Vishanthie Sewpaul, PhD

Emeritus Professor at the University of KwaZulu Natal, South Africa

Professor Vishanthie Sewpaul (PhD) is a globally recognized social work and human rights scholar, activist, and speaker, awarded three honorary doctorates. She served as President of the Association of Schools of Social Work in Africa (ASSWA), the Association of South African Social Work Education Institutions (ASASWEI), and the National Association of Social Workers, South Africa. Additionally, she was Vice President of the International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW). Her recent memoir is *The Arc of Our Paths: Growing into Wholeness*.



Dr. Lynne Healy, PhD, MSW

Emeritus Professor at the University of Connecticut School of Social Work

Dr. Healy has taught for over 30 years. She serves as the Main Representative to the United Nations for the International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW) and is a member of the NGO Committee for Social Development. She has served as Secretary and Vice President of the IASSW, Chair of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) International Commission and member of the CSWE Board, and held roles within the U.S. National Association of Social Workers (NASW). She has published extensively on international social work, human service agency leadership and management, ethics, and human rights. Her latest book is *International Social Work: Professional Action in an Interdependent World*.

First Session

12 - 1 pm EST

Panel Discussion

Advancing a global perspective in classroom and field.

Best practices for international exchanges in field placement, education, and research.

Second Session

1 - 2 pm EST

Breakout Rooms

Participants will be given an opportunity to share their experiences and insights and discuss practical strategies for advancing international social work practice, curricula & research.

Date: February 27, 2025

Time: 12 - 2 PM EST

Platform: [Zoom](#)

Moderators

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