

## FORSA CONFERENCE – “TENSIONS IN SOCIAL WORK”. STAVANGER 14.-15.11.2019



The aim of the conference was to focus on experiences, knowledge, ideas and challenges in the field of social work as academic discipline and practice.

The main papers were Global Social Work Statement of Ethical Principles by Professor Vishantie Sewpaul, Professional Judgement by Evelyn Khoo and Emotions in Social Work by Hulda Mjöll Gunnarsdottir.

During the conference there were held sessions with presentations of papers in different fields of interest. In the evening there were social activity with a visit to the Iron Age Farm at Arkeologisk Museum, University of Stavanger.

The sessions of papers were exciting with the different methods of presentations. The learning outcome from the sessions was good, as I learned about different topics not well known as well the scientific work and literature. The topic most interesting was regarding disability and the different aspects of the concept of disability. As the picture shows, the perspective on inclusion is thought provoking and crucial regarding research and work on the field of disability.

I presented a paper on discourses in the discussions on disability and CRPD in Norway, which gave me feedback and material for further work on my PhD thesis. The academic discussions and networking are useful for developing the insight and knowledge for the PhD project. Different perspectives from different fields enrich and deepen the academic knowledge.

The conference is a good start to experience the academic world, and the opportunity to get feedback on your work is quite good. The main papers were interesting, especially the critical perspective on global ethical standards and the risk for colonializing and exclusion of different perspectives in social work throughout the world. The contexts of the social work are different in different regions and groups, as are the challenges. The multitude in social work should be reflected in the global ethical standard.

I am satisfied in participating the conference and would recommend other PhD students to go – especially if they have a paper they would like to present and need feedback on.

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