



PHOENIX TN Workshop



Casework and Social Control in the 20th century
17-18 January 2009

Organizing Committee

**Kristina Popova; Vaska Stancheva-Popkostadinova; Stefka Chincheva;
Milena Angelova**

South – West University “Neofit Rilski”
Department for Bulgarian History and Archive Studies
Department of Medical-Social Sciences
Tel. + 395 73 88 55 01 Fax: + 359 73 88 55 16
www.swu.bg

Casework methods have almost one hundred years of history in the social work. These methods contributed to the creation of modern social work as a separate professional field and for its vocational training. The methods of casework (observation, home visiting, interviewing of clients) as well as their single steps (social analyses, social diagnoses, and planned social therapy) made the practice of social work more transparent and traceable.

These methods began to be adopted in different European societies during the period between the two World Wars and to be practiced according to the different societies' social and political situation. These ideas and practices were communicated by feminist networks and other international and local female organizations and started to be taught in the newly established courses in social work.

The newly established methods of casework also changed the forms of social control over the “clients”. After World War II, in West European countries we can see radical change in social casework practices – the approaches became more psychological and psychoanalytical, whereas in most East European countries casework was transformed into more general social policies, which replaced individual and family casework.

The aim of the workshop is to bring together researchers from different scientific fields and different countries in order to discuss the ways of communication of ideas and practices of casework in Europe, as well as the contributions of authors, translators,

and practicing social workers who spread these ideas. The aim is also to compare casework practices in different countries and the state of the art of documentation of earlier casework reports (written texts, interviews, social observations, social diagnoses, images and photographs of “clients” and social workers).

We are pleased to invite you to send your abstract till the end of October 2008 to:
chadoblg@yahoo.com; laurinda.abreu@mail.telepac.pt