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In the third decade of the 21st century, social work, reflecting its centenary of research-informed development, is once again coming back to the principle of internationality. In particular, the migration waves have caused all world key players to face critical international challenges associated with improving the world population's living conditions.

The present monothematic issue of the journal explores the extent to which social work has succeeded in expanding knowledge and in supporting communication in the social development, social security, and social services. The present scholarly discussion focuses on international perspectives in the fields of therapeutic interventions and protection of human rights.

The issue contains conceptual studies, empirical studies, and examples of best practice so that both scholarly and professional discussion is facilitated. The scholarly dimension is richly enhanced by presentations of activities verifying the validity of theoretical knowledge and research findings.

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