



Monthly Seminar Series: February 2018

Department of Sociology, Faculty of Arts,

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"Narrative methods and storytelling in social work research."

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Friday 23rd February 2018, 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Seminar room, Department of Sociology, University of Colombo

All are welcome!

Assoc. Prof Mojca Urek, Ph.D. has worked at the University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Social Work since 1992. She has undertaken research on the narrative approaches in social work, community mental health and gender based violence against women. Beside involvement in several national researches, she was national lead in four European projects on empowerment of people with mental difficulties through education and employment, on participation of children with mental disabilities in taking decisions about their life, on methods of overcoming prejudices and heteronormativity practices in homes for older people through staff-training. She is author and co-author of six scientific monographs (*Stories at work: accounting, recording and reporting in social work, Recording Social Work, Families and family life in Slovenia, Long-term care: outline of needs and responses, Violence against women in Slovenia, Innovations in long-term care: the case of old people's homes*) and several scientific articles. She took an active part in the processes of deinstitutionalization of mental health services in Slovenia. Together with her colleagues she founded the Women's Counselling Service in Ljubljana at the beginning of the nineties'. She has been closely engaged in collaboration between University of Colombo and University of Ljubljana since its beginning in the year 2005, contributing to the development of the Social Work Stream. She is fond of narrative research as she found the narrative method exceptionally significant in social work research.