



Call for Papers

Special Issue, “Ecosocial Work and Social Change in Community Practice” Editors, Komalsingh Rambaree, Meredith Powers, and Richard Smith

This special issue will focus on contexts, policies, practices and challenges related to ecosocial work for social change within community practice. Ecosocial work uses social and ecological ideas in promoting the well-being of all, particularly through community practice. Ecosocial work is primarily focused on interventions towards meeting the United Nations’ sustainable development goals for ending poverty, protecting the planet, and ensuring prosperity for all. In essence, the ecosocial work approach promotes fair and sustainable use of ecosystem resources in supporting the well-being of all as well the use of green social work, or interprofessional green care practices that bring people into contact with nature. How can ecosocial work create social responses to a changing environment?

This is one of the 12 Grand Challenges for Social Work articulated by the American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare. A critical ecosocial work perspective questions modern societal structures (e.g., economic models), values, beliefs, and ways of life, and pays particular attention to the socio-economic, political structures, and geospatial issues of both community and society.

Possible topics include:

- Ecosocial work for social change in community practice (e.g., contexts, concepts, approaches, methods, strategies, challenges, etc.).
- Roles and contributions of ecosocial work community practice and policies for achieving the sustainable development goals as advanced in the 2012 Global Agenda for Social Work and Social Development
- Integration of environmental justice in the classroom consistent with the recommendations of the Committee on Environmental Justice of the Council on Social Work Education.
- Interprofessional /multi-disciplinary nature of ecosocial work (e.g., interprofessional training, cross-sectoral collaboration, multi-sectoral planning, and other holistic approaches).
- Impact and implications of climate change, environmental crisis, and natural disasters with a focus on vulnerable, marginalized, and disenfranchised communities.
- Impact of environmental governance on vulnerable, marginalized, and disenfranchised communities.
- Ecosocial work and glocal communities, including but not limited to coastal communities and international ports.

Contributions can include:

- Full-length original research articles (up to 25 pages)
- From the Field (max. 15 pages)
- From the Classroom (max. 15 pages)
- Innovations in Community Research (max. 15 pages)

Submission details

Manuscripts should be submitted online by August 15th, 2018 and labeled **FOR SPECIAL ISSUE - ECOSOCIAL WORK** for consideration by the special issue editors. Submission is via <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/wcom>. Manuscripts should not exceed the above page limits; all pages should be double-spaced (including the abstract, references, tables and figures). References, citations, and general style of manuscripts should be prepared in accordance with the APA Publication Manual, 6th ed. Refer to Instruction for authors,

<http://www.tandfonline.com/action/authorSubmission?journalCode=wcom20&page=instructions>

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