

## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)**

### **Between**

**Loyola College of Social Sciences, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala**

### **and**

**Ersta Sköndal Bräcke Högskola (ESBH), Department of Social Sciences  
Sweden**

**Loyola College of Social Sciences** (hereinafter referred to as Loyola), located at Sreekariyam P.O., Thiruvananthapuram- 695017, represented by its Rector and Manager, Fr. Sunny Kunnapallil,

and

**Ersta Sköndal Bräcke Högskola, Departement of Social Sciences (ESBH)** (hereinafter referred to as Ersta) agrees to acknowledge this MoU as a legal document that assists in establishing and developing bilateral relationships between them.

### **Purpose of Agreement**

For Loyola and Ersta, to promote diversity, acquire international experience and global competence through mutual collaboration in a range of educational and social activities, building upon previous agreements, such as the Linnaeus-Palme collaborations since 2012.

### **Areas of Cooperation:**

- a. Faculty Exchange
- b. Student Exchange
- c. Co-organizing Workshops/Seminars/Conferences
- d. Collaboration in research



### **Terms of MoU**

- a. Both parties understand that all financial arrangements will have to be negotiated and agreed upon with due regard to the availability of funds and other resources.



- b. Specific details for the implementation of these activities will be developed mutually for specific projects.
- c. The Memorandum of Understanding envisages that there will be a specific subsidiary contract or documents with regard to each project.
- d. The MoU shall be terminated at any time by mutual written consent or by nine months' notice in writing by either of the parties with due regard to the contractual commitments in terms of specific contracts.
- e. The duration of the MoU shall be five years from the date of signature. If the MoU remains dormant for five consecutive years it will be deemed to have lapsed.

The agreement will come into effect upon the date of signature by the above two representatives.

<b>Sign and Seal</b>	:		
<b>Name:</b>	:	Dr Martin Börjeson, Associate Professor	Fr. Sunny Kunnappalil
<b>Designation</b>	:	Head of Social Sciences Department (ESBH)	Manager, Loyola College of Social Sciences
<b>Contact No:</b>	:		
<b>Date</b>	:	August 17, 2021	

## Ersta Sköndal Bräcke University: Exchange Program 2015-2021



Ersta Sköndal Bräcke University College is a University College was founded on January 1st, 1998 through the merger of the undergraduate, post-graduate and research programmes of the Ersta Society for Diaconal Work and the Stora Sköndal Foundation. On October 5th, 2010 Bräcke Diakoni joined as a part new owner.

A distinguishing characteristic of the University College is that it offers courses in which theory is combined with practice, research with studies in the field, and that special attention is given to questions within philosophies of life and world views, professionalization and societal issues. The University College has three campuses, at Ersta and Sköndal, both located in Stockholm, and in Bräcke in Gothenburg. The ESBH serves approximately 1700 students annually. Both campuses offer a unique study environment with a combination of old tradition and new interdisciplinary collaboration as well as opportunities for personal development.

In 2012, Loyola signed an agreement with Ersta Sköndal for collaboration in students and faculty exchange in the areas of *field practice*, besides long terms agreement to support *research and dissemination* (symposiums and conference). The activities reached a crescendo each year with the foreign exchange students and faculty visiting Campus Loyola and Ersta hosting both students and teachers. The below given report describes the journey of the Ersta-Loyola instrument of cooperation in student exchange, research and conference (dissemination).

### 2015

The first visit undertaken by Sonny was preceded by visits by Fr. Joye James, Rector and Manager, Loyola Institutions. After the latter's visit with preliminaries, Sonny commenced the first set of interactions with two partner- Ersta-Sköndal-Bräcke Foundation and later with Globala Gynasiet



High Skola. The first visit was from a two member group with Johan Garde and Lars-erik Olssen (former Dean) based out in Kovalam to our campus.



8 May 2015 Göran Bostom, Librarian Ersta Main Library



10 May 2015 - Interface with International Council – 10.30am -12.30pm

Sonny the exchange faculty had an opportunity to interface with the International Council for advancing international education. The group also featured Prof. Garde and Prof. Pablo (Head, Social Sciences). The meeting focused on prototyping website for international learners. Sonny attended the Annual Staff Day at Ersta Sköndal University. The theme for 2015-16 meandered on internationalisation. During the interface Prof. Per Nilsson, the Vice Chancellor, presented his vision for the future, shared by Karin Jakobsson, the Administrative Chief, and an invited presentation on Quality Assurance by Mr. Thomas Schneider (Brasca Diakon). Prof. Johan Gärde had the audience splitting in laughter and singing during his hilarious yet thought provoking presentation.



9 May 2015 6.30pm - Annual Faculty Gathering



26 May 2015 Session on Kerala and its Welfare System





In June the exchange faculty also visited Globala Gynasiet High School, Stockholm, for interaction with the students meant for exchange to Kerala for 2016. Also had discussions with Magnus Minnberg the accompanying teacher, Rose Edlund and Emma Thomson the Principal.





11 May 2015 Field visits also took place and there were fieldwork 'konferens' on the go, Ersta style! Met up with Emma and Ian from the Glasgow Caledonian University a partner in Globan Sessions, on the steps off Tjörövsplan.



27 Sept 2015 Back home there was an International Symposium on Migration. The interactions featured Filipe Wolter Research Scholar from Ersta, where he did a talk regarding the Swedish Welfare system to the audience of MSW Trainees. The program also featured presentation by Sonny on the Syrian Crisis and the migration in the MENA region and a presentation by Sojin P. Varghese, Research Scholar specialising in Interstate Migration being the theme of his thesis. The participants came from National College - Trivandrum and White Memorial - Vellarada as well as Dept of Sociology, University of Kerala.



## 2016

18 March 2016 - Interface with Prof. Johan Garde (Professor of Internationalisation, Ersta-Skondal, Stockholm). We were joined by Lars-Erik Olsson (former Dean, Ersta and prolific researcher) and Andres S (an eminent practitioner in Corrective Social Work) of Kerasoma, SE... bon homie and dinner at Villa Maya. Sabu P. Thomas attended the Global Sessions for the year 2016 during the month of May.





20 March Meeting with Fr.Joy, Anders Bhomm and Lar-erik Olssen to discuss student placements in Kerala for August 2017.



18 May 2016- 5.30pm- bon homie and bon appetite at Villa Maya

## List of Exchange Students 2016

1. Jessica L (Sweden)
2. Helena Hedberg (Sweden)
3. Peter Morgan (Sweden)
4. Aashika Joseph (India)
5. Reenu Maria (India)
6. Sonny Jose (India)
7. Joye James (India)

## 2017

Johan Gärde, officially promoted as Docenter (Associate Professor) by Ersta Sköndal Bräcke högskola on 12 May at Ersta Kyrkka...



13 May 2017- Ersta Kyrkka installation as Associate Professor

21 November 2017 The four students Majid Malik, Linn Ullen, Yasmine, and Charlotte (Leewern, Belgium) completed their 3 month field practice at Loyola. They are provided a farewell dinner with Team Ersta Lars-Erik Olsson, Andreas, Johan Gärde, Majid Malik, Linn Ullen, Yasmine, Magnus Karlsson, and Charlotte (Leewern, Belgium).



21 Nov 2017 – Farewell Dinner for the visiting Ersta Exchange Students at ABC, Kovalam



### **List of Exchange Students 2017**

1. Majid Malik (Sweden-Pakistan)
2. Linn Ullen (Sweden)
3. Yasmine J. (Sweden-Syria)
4. Svetlana P. (Sweden-Poland)
5. Charlotte B. (Sweden-Belgium)
6. Sonny Jose
7. Vivek R Thomas (India)

## **2018**

Global sessions provided an opportunity for Loyola Social Work to host our co-hosts for Global Sessions in Thriuvananthapuram; we were visited by Asa Kneck of Ersta Nursing College and Prof. Angelika Iser and Prof. Wolfgang of University of Munich Johan Gärde of Ersta Sköndal



Bracke University College and the Global Sessions for opening up new windows to each other...



23 Feb 2018; 2.00pm visit by Prof. Angelika Iser and Prof. Wolfgang of Munich University for Applied Sciences, Munich, Germany



Was invited to attend Global Sessions May 6-9, 2018. Was joined by Bincy Babu for Global Sessions. Presented two papers – Kerala as a Welfare State and Suicidology, as well as a joint paper with Bincy on Loyola Social Work Andragogy.



12 May 2018 – 11am meeting with Ersta Exchange Alumni at Kristina Huset with Ellen and Louis



18 May 2018 – Meeting at Koh Phangan Skånegatan 57 with first exchange alumnae – Ms. Helena Hedberg. She works as social worker at Kutural Skolan in a very volatile neighbourhood.





18 May 2018 7.30pm@ Koh Phangan Skånegatan 57 – Helena Hedberg comments “meeting Sonny, my former professor/supervisor in Kerala, India and masters student Bincy today, who are in Stockholm for the Global sessions at Ersta Sköndal Bräcke College. Hadn’t seen you, Sonny since 2015 and had a great time catching up with you “poitua aduthaalcha! Nalla divasam ayirunnu. Shubaratri, nanni and missing you all, my kudumbam from Sreekariyam times ♥😊

25 May Per Nilsson is the Vice Chancellor of Ersta Sköndal Bräcke University hosted the Annual Faculty Meeting with the central theme being SDG driven by Prof. Garde. Was touched by his magnanimity and leadership by example saw him wait till 9.05 am, on the participants, who were late after a very late rendezvous after the International Forum dinner.



9.05 am 25 May Per Nilsson hosts the farewell talk for Global session 2018

International Symposium on Fieldwork Engagement inaugurated by Sulthan Mushathick IRAS, Principal Financial Advisor, Indian Railways; ISFE was attended by almost 104 delegates including those from National College-Trivandrum Sreevidhyadhiraja-Karunagapalli, White Memorial-



Vellarada and Ersta Skondal. There was very meaningful interactions and presentations as a result of wonderful teamwork.



23 November 2018 ISFE Participants

### Alumni Meet at Ersta

19 May 2018 - reconnecting with Team Globala Gymnasieum, Stockholm who visited Loyola at a Korean Dine, Nystorg, with wonderkids Axel, Mia, Multon, Kasja and Bincy.



19 May 2018- meeting international exchange students - Axel, Mia, Multon, and Kasja - of Globala Gymnasiet, Stockholm







**29 May 2018 5.55pm Goodbye to Stockholm with Alumni**

31 Oct 2018 - Ersta-Loyola Alumni Meet at Erstagatan, Stockholm... high 5! to Robin, Maria and Jenny.



**Exchange Scholars (2018)**

1. Bincy Babu
2. Rahul S.
3. Ancy B. Kairali
4. Sherin Wilfred
5. Peter Olssen
6. Maria Palin



7. Jenny Ornberg
8. Robin Morner
9. Francina P.X (Faculty-India)
10. Sonny Jose

## 2019

Connecting with alumni Shimy (MSW-2006) and her daughter Denaha at Erstagatan.



May 2019



16 Dec 2019 2pm – Krishnedu B.S. organised DMT for residents of Fountain House with Gilda Mani



Johan Gärde worked with Johan A. of Fountain House, Skondal (the oldest Social Work institution in Sweden) to provide Ms. Krishnendu an opportunity to organise a DMT Session for the Students of Social Work at Ersta. Emma-freja Thuresson was involved in organising the whole thing. She later organised a session for the residents at Fountain House.

### **Global Sessions: Munich**

Global Session was organised by our partner Angelika Iser at Muchen University of Applied Sciences, Munich, Germany. Sonny initiated a presentation on Self-care, which was eventually taken up as a research topic by Anithamol and Prof.Garde. 4 publications evolved out of this initiative.





2 June 2019- Dining at St. Augustine's Beer Garden, Munich (estb. 1394) with Dr. Werth Wolfgang, Angelika and Kline Fernandez (Philippines)



Dr. Wolfgang Werth performing the traditional Yiddish music at the University gathering at Munich Centrum. The band consists of faculty of Munchen University of Applied Sciences, Munich, Germany

### **Global Sessions – Horshule Munchen -2019**

Chaired Global Sessions 2019 panel on SUSTAINABILITY in welfare - themes are "voices of caregivers", "working conditions and quality of life", "political relevance of Unions", "changing geosociopolitical systems and it's spillover effect on society", etc.





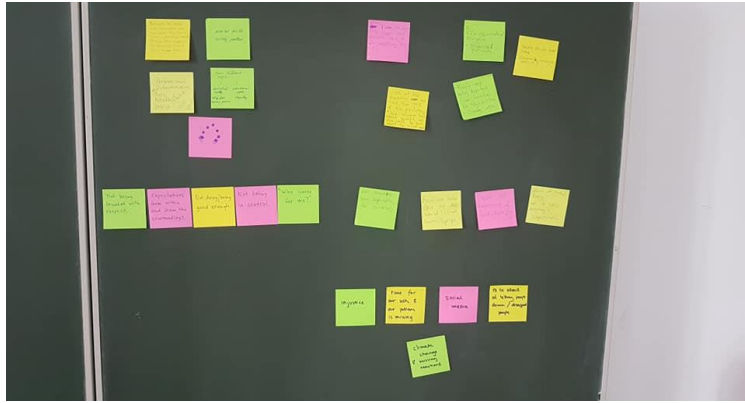


29 May 2019 Dining with Astrid Majumdar Shaw

Had an opportunity to administer a Workshop on "Self-care for Care Professionals" attended by Nursing and Social Work trainees at Global Sessions, 9.00-10.30am at Hochschule München, Germany thanks to Johan Gärde, Eleni Papouli, Astrid Majumdar and Åsa Kneck for the ground support to make this happen with an international audience from at least 12 countries (at last count).



23 May 2019- 9-10.30am Self-care Workshop at Hochschule München.



Self-care Workshop Output

### Research Colloquium 2019

We extended our collaboration to assist the Research Clinic for four disciplines -Counselling Psychology, Sociology, HRM and Social Work ...thanks to creative project proposals on themes ranging from work life balance, Type-II Diabetism, Management of Stray Dog Menace, Identity Assertion by indigenous persons, elderly care, Aardram Health Care, Family Health Care, etc. We were challenged by Mentors - Dr.Usha Kandaswami (Senior Scientific Officer, SCTIMST) and Prof. Johan Gärde (Associate Professor, Ersta Sköndal, Stockholm) and Dr.Angelo P Mathew (Personnel Management).



### Fieldwork Guidance at Loyola

Provided field work guidance to Louisa Edlund, Ellen Gustaffson, Peter Dorman and Mattise M, assisted by Anithamol Babu networking various agencies. This time we made it a national event allowing them to travel to centers of excellence at SoI-Kochi, Christ-Bangalore, Goonj-Delhi and Mumbai IIT-Powai.



### **Exchange Students 2019**

1. Krishnedu B.S. (India)
2. Gilda Mani (India)
3. Anithamol Babu (India)
4. Sonny Jose
5. Louisa Edlund (Sweden)
6. Ellen Gustaffson (Sweden)
7. Peter Dorman (Sweden)
8. Mattise M (Sweden)
9. Francina P.X (Faculty-India)

## **2020**

### **International Forums**

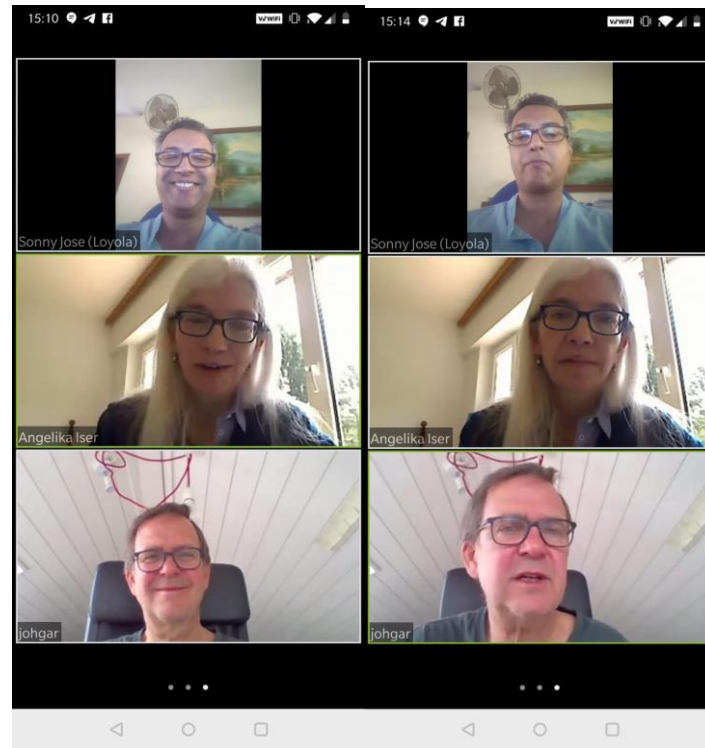
We organised several forums in the form of preparatory discussion forums more like working groups for familiarising the participants with each other as well as planning the themes pre-Global Sessions.

The first session was 21 April 2020.

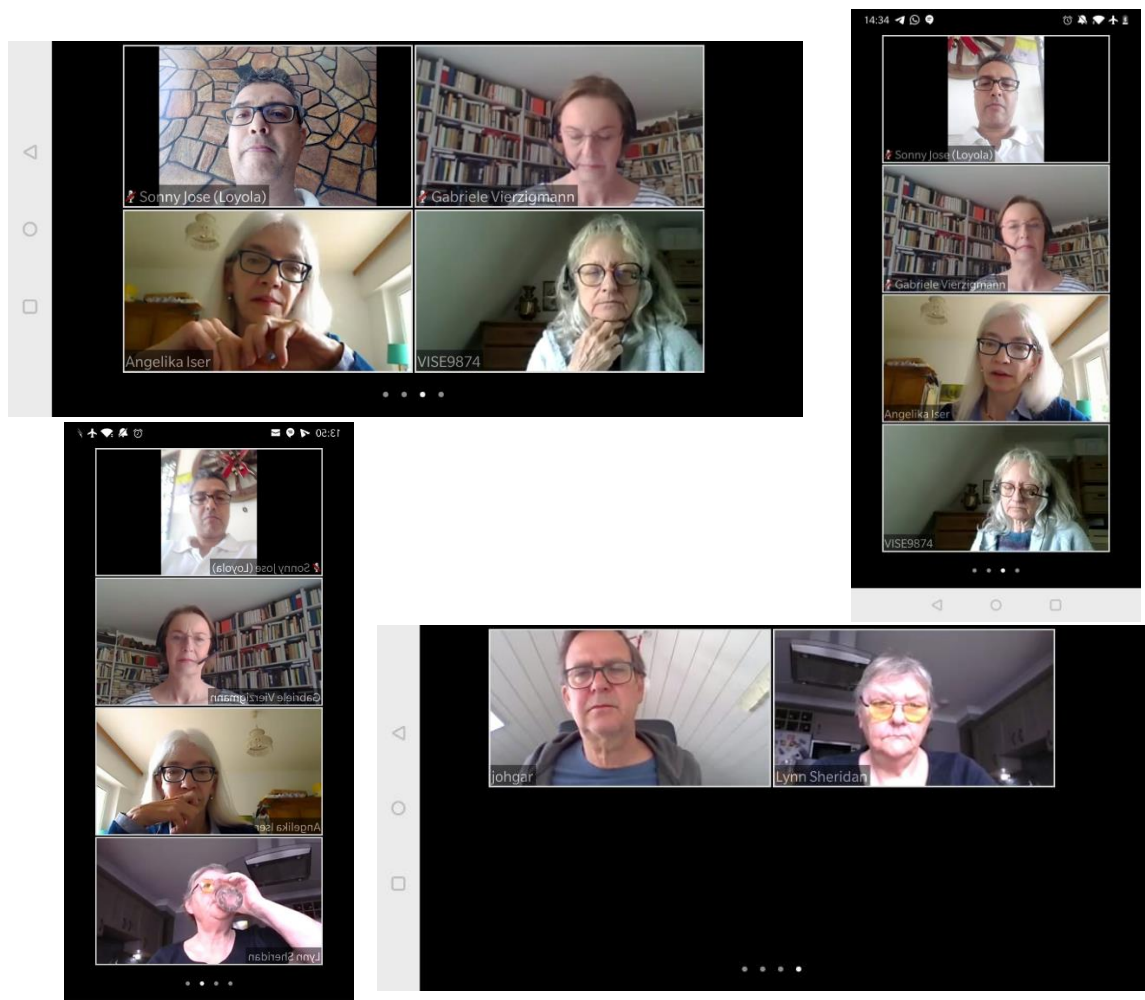




The next session was on 13 May 2020 to pre-plan the meetings and the agenda for the GS 2020



The next session was on 20 May 2020 to prior to GS 2020; this meeting featured all the host-leaders for Global Sessions.

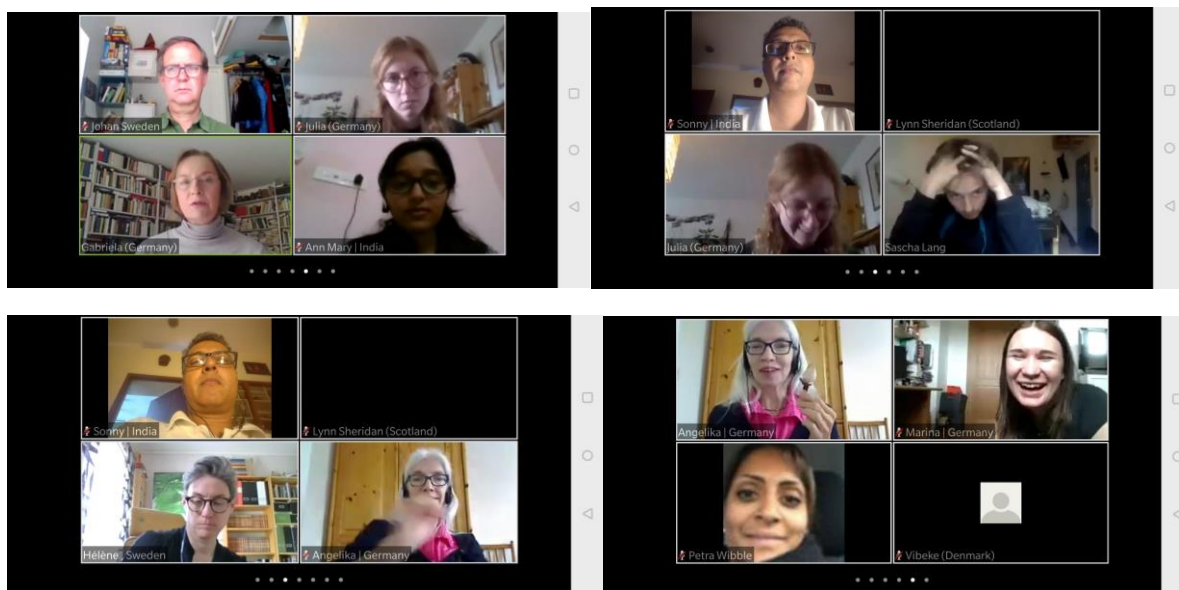


Post- Global Sessions we had two international forums to evaluate and plan for the future on 27 & 28 May 2020. This included the participants especially those who were interested work in continuation of the GS2020.

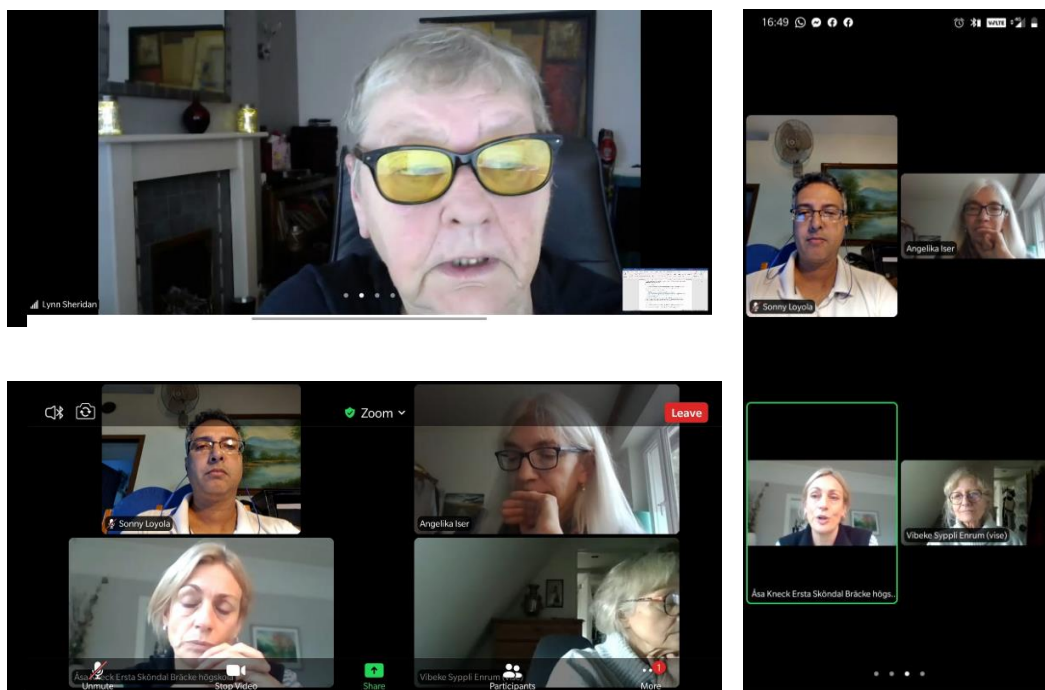
Cultural Evening 27 May 2020



International Forum 28 May 2020



23 October 2020



Global Sessions GS2020 May 25-29

**THE PANDEMIC CHALLENGE – Student, teacher and professional perspectives from Social Work and Nursing/Health Care**

Schedule – please join the meetings by following this link: <https://hm-edu.zoom.us/j/99421051500?pwd=UW96c0plTndYMWdq3Z3OXYb243QT09>

ref. full program on Facebook (Global Sessions 2020) here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/243011186729394>

The Global Sessions is an international gathering of students, teachers, scholars and professionals under the GS-partnering institutions funded by the Linneae-Palme mobility program. These invitees mainly represent social work and health care/nursing. GS aims to highlight actual and



pressing issues of common concern. The topics will be decided jointly by the GS-partners Ersta Sköndal Bräcke University College (Sweden), Glasgow Caledonian University, Munich University of Applied Sciences (Germany), Loyola College of Social Sciences (India) and University College Lillebaelt (Denmark) and other partner universities.

The Global sessions builds upon the experiences and recommendations from past events. Given the current pandemic challenge, innovative thinking and measures must be taken in order to offer viable alternatives to students interested in global perspectives on pressing topics and issues. GS explores different virtual teaching and learning methods, blended and on-site learning activities, but also attempts to incorporate field-visits, mobility and exchange. The topics were linked to the central theme of the Global sessions THE PANDEMIC CHALLENGE – Student, Teacher and Professional perspectives from Social Work and Nursing/Health Care, and linked to issues of current interest and of common concern with an interdisciplinary approach.

The following were the papers presented by the India partners – Loyola Social Work:

India 1. Vandana Suresh, Assistant Professor, Ananthu BL, Kannan GS and Sonny Jose, PhD, Associate Professor, Loyola College of Social Sciences, Kerala, on “How did Kerala Keep the COVID Numbers Low?”- A journey through the timeline the four Phases of Lockdown and the various factors that helped.

India 2. Rameez S., Francina PX, PhD, Senior Lecturer and Sonny Jose, Loyola College of Social Sciences, Kerala, on “Community Welfare in [action](#) for the Vulnerable” – an exposition on the community initiatives especially Community Kitchen started under the aegis of panchayats (country councils) and the special activities focussed at migrants.

India 3: Krishnendu BS, Alumnae Linnaeus-Palme, Founder Navem, Kerala on “Life after Linnaeus-Palme & coping with Entrepreneurial Challenges.”

India 4. Ancy B Kairali, Loyola College of Social Sciences, Kerala on “Working in Mental Health during COVID-19: Issues and Challenges in DMHP.”

India 5. Bincy Babu & Sherin Wilfred, Palliative-care Social Workers & Linnaeus-Palme Alumni. "Palliative Care Social Work Activities during [the](#) Covid Times" - a brief on the activities undertaken by PalliumIndia, a WHO supported NGO and the role of social work during COVID Pandemic.

India 6. Arya Gopinath, Health Worker, Kerala Health Services, Alumni, Loyola College of Social Sciences, Kerala on the theme: “In the Eye of the Storm: Dilemmas in working within the Health Care System.”

India 7: Neha Gupta: “Life in Munich, Germany as an international mobile student”

India 8: Sheethal Mariam John, Loyola College of Social Sciences, Kerala, on “Coming Back into Life in COVID Times”: An autobiographical account of her trauma having to bring back a family member with Stage4 Cancer

India 9. Anithamol Babu, Alumnae, Linnaeus-Palme & Loyola College of Social Sciences, Kerala on “Self-care in Health Care during the COVID Pandemic.

India 10: Sabu P Thomas, Assistant Professor & Vice Principal, Loyola College of Social Sciences, Kerala on “Responding to needs of the Fisherfolk of Trivandrum during Covid-19 Pandemic.”

India 11: Anna K George, Loyola College of Social Sciences, Kerala, on “An Autobiography of Community Organiser” - learnings from the UNESCO experience” and engagement in the Kadakrapally Gramapanchayath in collaboration with the ICDS leading up to the Primary Health Care.

India 12: Neha Joseph, Loyola College of Social Sciences, Kerala on “Field Practice during COVID Times – Working with Children in the Community”

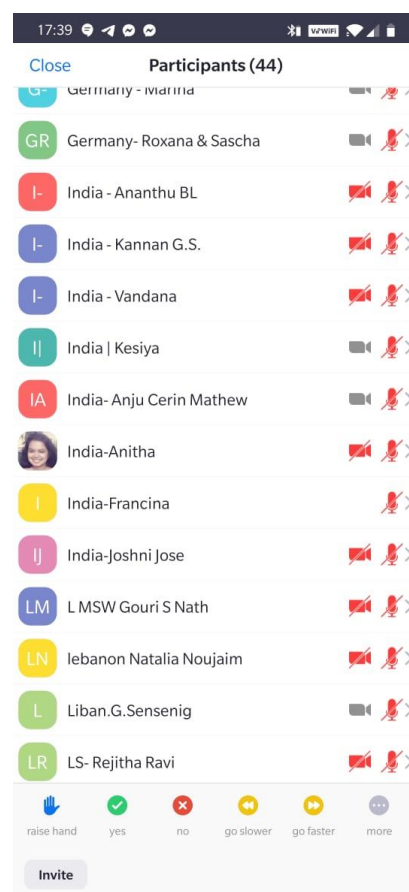
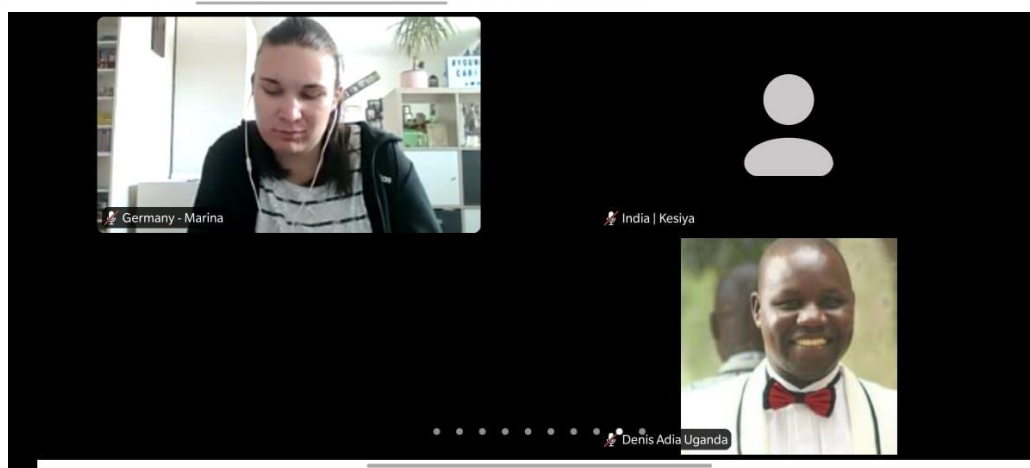
India 13: Feba K. R, Sinidas P: “Supporting Menni Home for Destituted Mentally Challenged during COVID.

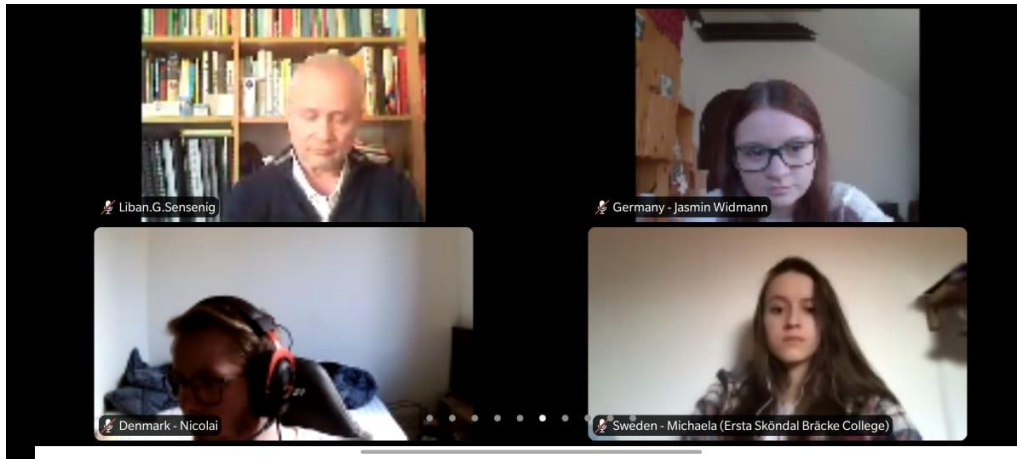
India 14: Divya P, Grace M Leghu, Reeja Thomas., Jayashree M & Mohammed Sahal MI, Loyola College of Social Sciences, Kerala on “Field Practice during COVID Times: Psychosocial support work at SS Samithi for Mentally-challenged Individuals”

India 15: Anju Cerin Mathew & Gayathri P Nair on “Atom International On-line Trauma Counselling”

## International Forum

We also organise various international preparatory discussion forums more like working groups for familiarising the participants with each other as well as planning the themes pre-Global Sessions. There were a couple 14 April 2020,



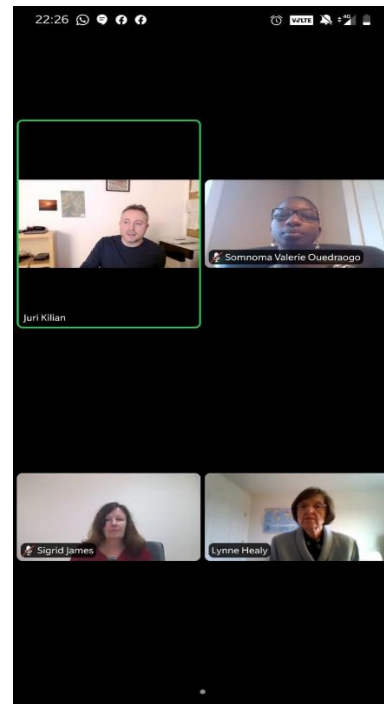
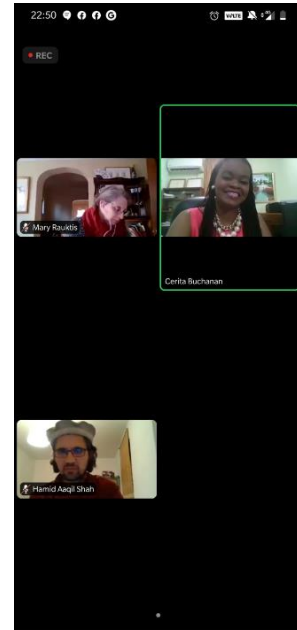
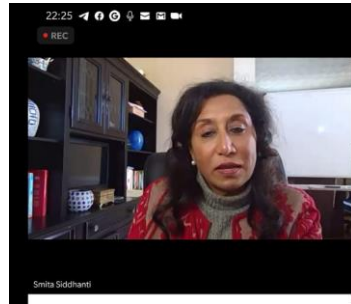
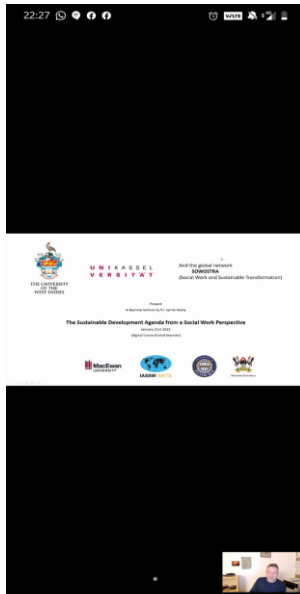




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**21 Jan 2021 International Forum by IASSW – Sustainable Development Goals for Social Work Perspective – SWOSTRA – Kassel Versitat, West Indies.**

There was a international presentation by Lynn Healy the Emeritus President of IASSW on social work and sustainable development agenda with representatives of the North-South Americas and Africa regions.



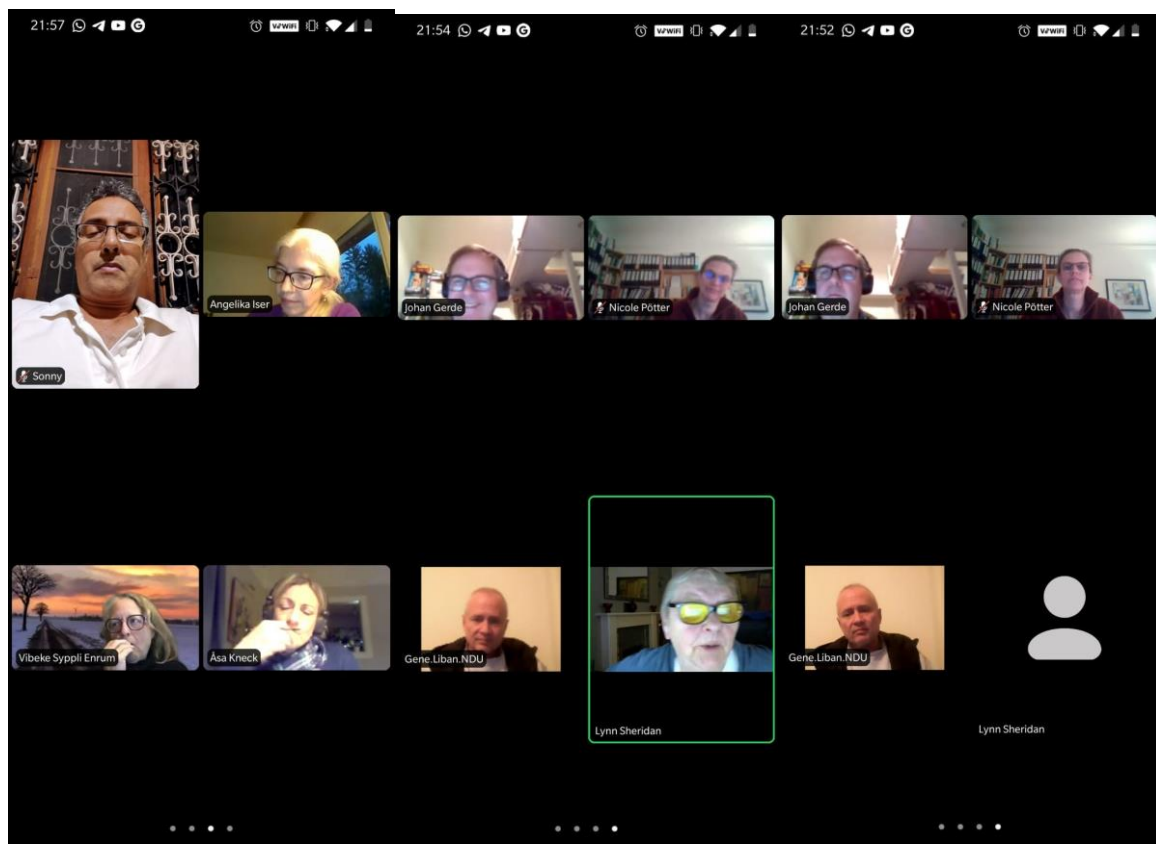
## 24 Jan 2021- Follow-up with Ben Rivers, Dawar, Cairo Egypt on DMT possibilities



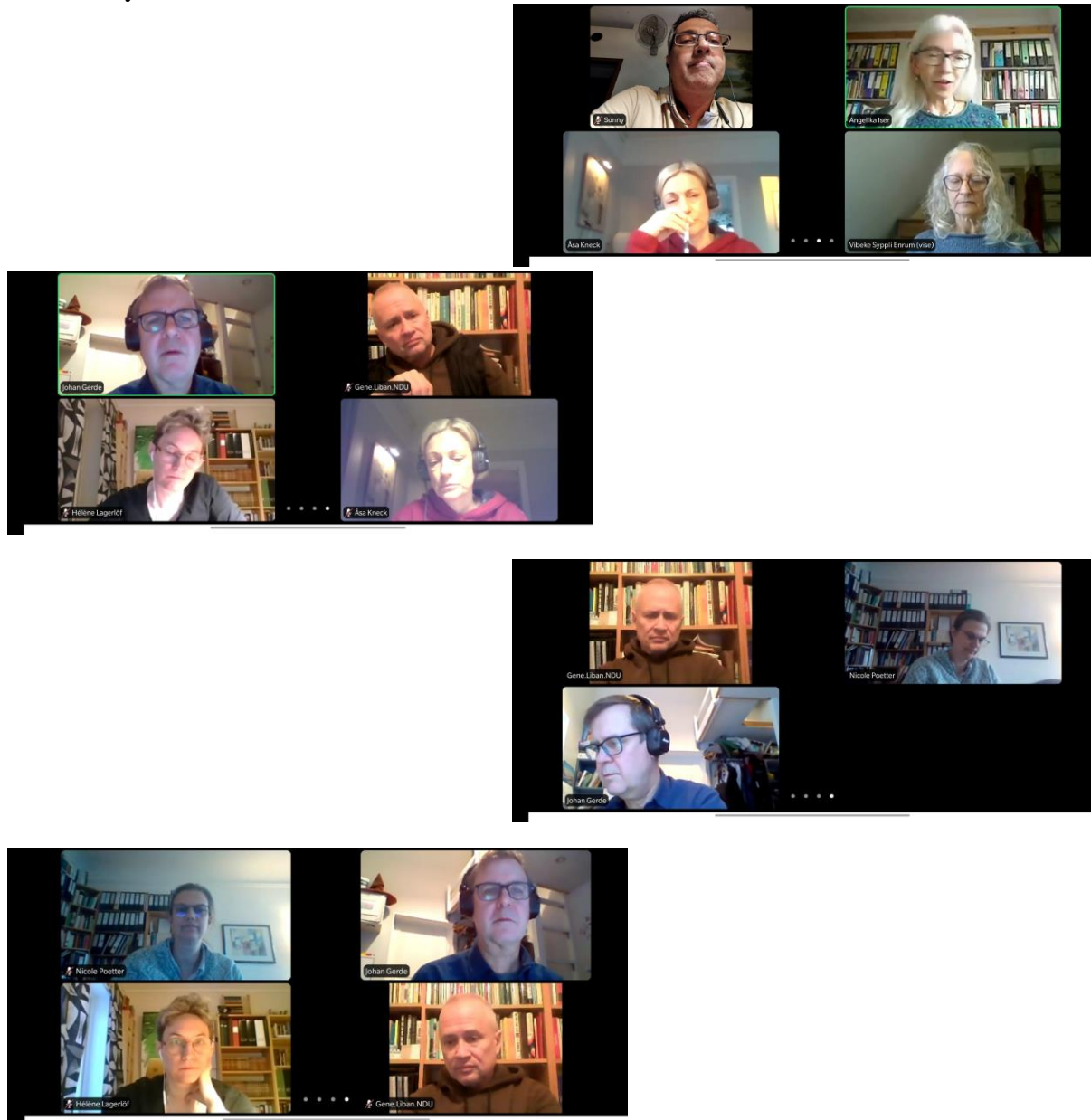
There was a follow-up on his activities and possibilities in DMT. The enquiry seemed to suggest that he had no plans for online session, but was willing to receive participants in Cairo for this year given the travel restrictions.

## 28 January 2021 International Forum

It was decided to organise the GS based on the theme Sustainable Development and COVID to reflect on the set baack and the way forward from the angle of the learners, teachers and practitioners. The meeting would be in definite tracks connected with the central theme.



## 8 February 2021 International Forum



## 18 March International Social Work Day

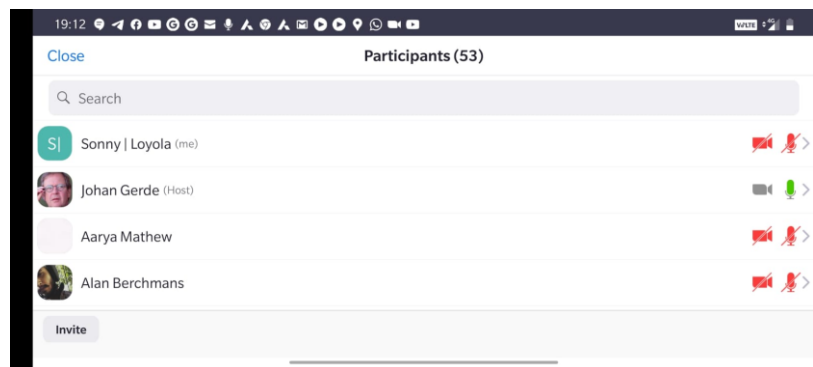
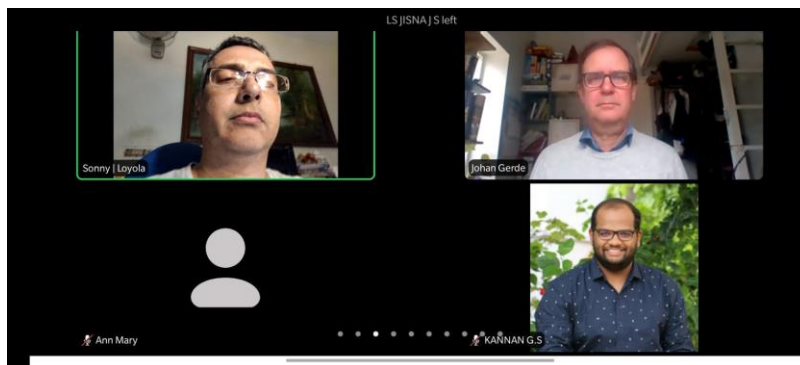
The commemoration of World Social Work Day was done on 18 March. The theme was Ubuntu – *I am because we are all*. The participants included student and faculty representatives from Vellarada White Memorial, Manacaud National College and Neyyattinkara Vigyan College besides Loyola Social



Work Day, Loyola College of Social Sciences, March 18, 2021



Work and Disaster Management. Johan Garde, International Coordinator of Ersta Skondal did the Keynote Address.



## 12 April 2021 International Forum

International Forum this time was focussed on finalising all the tracks for the GS 2021 presentations. IT was decided to have 8 Tracks in all as given below:

**Track 1:** *Climate change and the social dimension*

**Track 2:** *Social and/or Public Health Policies and vulnerability during the pandemic*

**Track 3 :** *Disability during and after the pandemic*

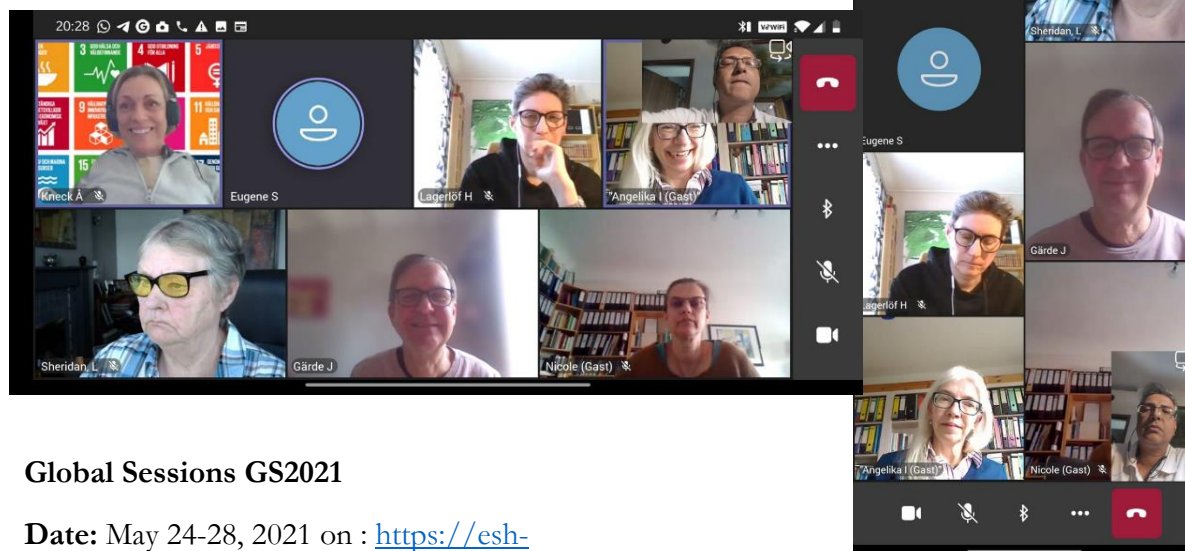
**Track 4:** *Educational effects and challenges from the pandemic*

**Track 5:** *Mental health issues during and after the pandemic*

**Track 6:** *Sustainable Development Goals and Agenda 2030*

**Track 7:** *The lack of sustainability with a failing state, lack of governance and corruption*

**Track 8:** *Other related topic and themes*



## Global Sessions GS2021

**Date:** May 24-28, 2021 on : <https://esh-se.zoom.us/j/66151137914?pwd=NIlyOW5FTVVSNk5yNWZuUTZQNVpVUT09>

**Ref: program and other link:** For the group work and field-visits, see the links in the program and on our webpage: <https://www.esh.se/samverkan/internationalisering/global-session-2021.html>

The Global Sessions gathers students, teachers, [scholars](#) and professionals from mainly social work and health care/nursing and relating sciences to highlight actual and pressing topics of common concern. The topics will be decided jointly by the GS-partners. Invited are social work and nursing students (and related disciplines) from Ersta Sköndal Bräcke University College (Sweden), Glasgow Caledonian University, Munich University of Applied Sciences (Germany), Loyola College of Social Sciences (India) and University College Lillebaelt (Denmark) and other partner universities. The Global sessions will build upon the experiences and recommendations from past events. Given the current pandemic challenge, innovative thinking and measures must be taken in order to offer viable alternatives to students interested in global perspectives on pressing topics and issues. We will explore different virtual teaching and learning methods, blended and on-site learning activities, but also how we can incorporate field-visits, mobility and exchange. The topics, linked to any of our eight tracks, should be prepared prior to the Global sessions and linked to issues of current interest and of common concern with an interdisciplinary approach.

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order to offer viable alternatives to students interested in global perspectives on pressing topics and issues.

The theme for GS2021 was “Sustainable Development, Social and Health Inequalities - Current and future challenges in the wake of the pandemic” with topics put on seven tracks:

**Track 1:** *Climate change and the social dimension:* What are the possible linkages between the social and environmental dimensions in sustainable development? This track will both explore theoretical ideas and practical examples from the field.

**Track 2:** *Social and/or Public Health Policies and vulnerability during the pandemic:* Case studies of homelessness, migrants, refugees and other vulnerable groups with an interprofessional approach.

**Track 3 :** *Disability during and after the pandemic:* How did the pandemic affect people with disabilities and what kind of interventions have been implemented and/or could be developed in this area?

**Track 4:** *Educational effects and challenges from the pandemic:* This track will treat the different challenges in the educational field, lessons learnt in relation to on-line learning, virtual mobility, field-studies and growing educational inequalities.

**Track 5:** *Mental health issues during and after the pandemic:* There are growing concerns over increased levels of different mental health issues, such as depressions, anxiety, suicide-rates and other related areas. What is being done in this area of concern?

**Track 6:** *Sustainable Development Goals and Agenda 2030:* Examples of implementation with a focus on wellbeing and health/areas of social work/social sciences and health care sciences.

**Track 7:** *The lack of sustainability with a failing state, lack of governance and corruption:* Many countries are passing through multi-level crisis on different levels with drastic consequences for the citizens in general and the vulnerable in particular. Case studies will be presented with ideas regarding reforms, advocacy campaigns and projects with a right-based approach.

**Track 8:** *Other related topic and themes*

We will explore different virtual teaching and learning methods, blended and on-site learning activities, but also how we can incorporate field-visits, mobility and exchange. The topics, linked to any of our eight tracks, should be prepared prior to the Global sessions and linked to issues of current interest and of common concern with an interdisciplinary approach. The program featured 7 presentations hosted from Loyola as listed below:

5:1 India: Student presentation, social work: *The impact of the pandemic on students: Self-care in the journey of distress and hope during the COVID Pandemic.* Anithamol Babu, Alumnae, Linnaeus-Palme & Loyola College of Social Sciences, Kerala.

6:1 India: *SDGs in Actions at Hope Community Village, Alleppey. A portrayal of how Hope Village incorporates SDGs, into its child care institution activities based on a 'mother-headed' family cottages.* Alan Berchmans, Aparna R.A., Devika P.& Jumy G. Social Trainees Loyola College of Social Sciences.

6.3 India: Jalajagaran: Water Source Activism. Amritha VS, Divya P, Anna A. & Kesiyamol Mathew, Sr. Social Work Trainees - Loyola College of Social Sciences.

7.3 India: *Polity, Socio-political Inequities and Challenges: An Introspection.* Sonny Jose, Associate Professor, Loyola College of Social Sciences.

7.4: India: *Kerala and COVID Second Wave: An Autopsy.* Kannan GS and Vandana Suresh, Research Scholars, Loyola College of Social Sciences.



8:2 India: *Good Practices in COVID Psychosocial Care in Kerala: A Practitioner's Perspective*. Remya RV, Project Coordinator, District Mental Health Program (DMHP).

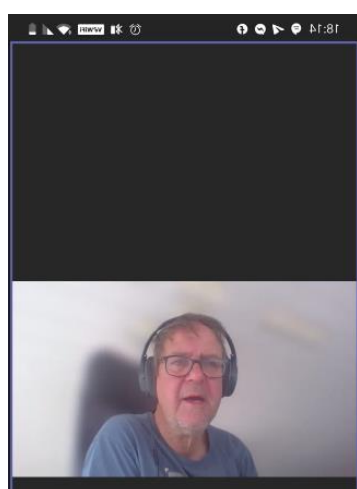
8:3 India: *Kudumbashree: First-line Responders in the Covid-19 Combat in Kerala (Southern India)*. Francina PX, Assistant Professor, Loyola College of Social Science.

11: India: *Virtual Field Work Presentation on Hope Community Village, Alleppey*: Hosts: Santhiraj Kolengaden (Director) Amal Sebastian (Senior Administrator), Hope Community Village, Kerala, INDIA

12: India: *Thripinithura Community Life Presentation - A Three Lives in Royal Town*. Sreehari AK, Athira Varma S. Anakha Soman. Social Work Trainees - Loyola College Social Sciences.

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## 10 June GS Evaluation



The discussion was a positive evaluation of the GS 2021; Sonny did a presentation based on a Google-form based survey. The feedback in general suggested the Break-out Rooms was a great experience across cultures; language barriers were not an impediment; almost 92% expressed their willingness to come back and work on future projects.

## Conclusion

The Linnaeus-Palme Mobility Program had provided opportunities for 12 students and four teachers from Sweden and 8 students and three faculty from India to travel to their respective contexts and undertake field practice and exposure. On the ground it played out in terms of very many conferences on migration and social welfare and field practice besides inter-site studies. The

Globals Sessions was a rich platform for inter-cultural interactions and exchange as well as operationalising tools for sustainable development in advancement of SDGs. It also helped our students to realise their potential thanks to the great support by Prof. Johan Garde, the International Coordinator of ESHB.

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