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Solidarity Research Network (SRN) Newsletter

Dear colleagues and partners,

Solidarity is more than a concept—it is a practice shaped by research, dialogue, and collective action. This issue of the Solidarity Research Network (SRN) Newsletter highlights how scholars and practitioners across disciplines continue to explore solidarity in response to social inequalities, migration, and changing forms of community.

We are especially pleased to look ahead to the 2nd International Solidarity Research Conference (2ISRC) in November 2026, in Romania, which will invite critical reflection under the theme 'Limits of Learning and Solidarity.' Alongside this, upcoming events, calls for papers, and recent publications featured in this issue demonstrate the vitality and diversity of solidarity research today.

We hope this newsletter offers inspiration, connection, and new perspectives—and encourages continued engagement within the SRN community.

Warmest regards,

[The SRN Team](#)

 **Highlights & News from the Network**

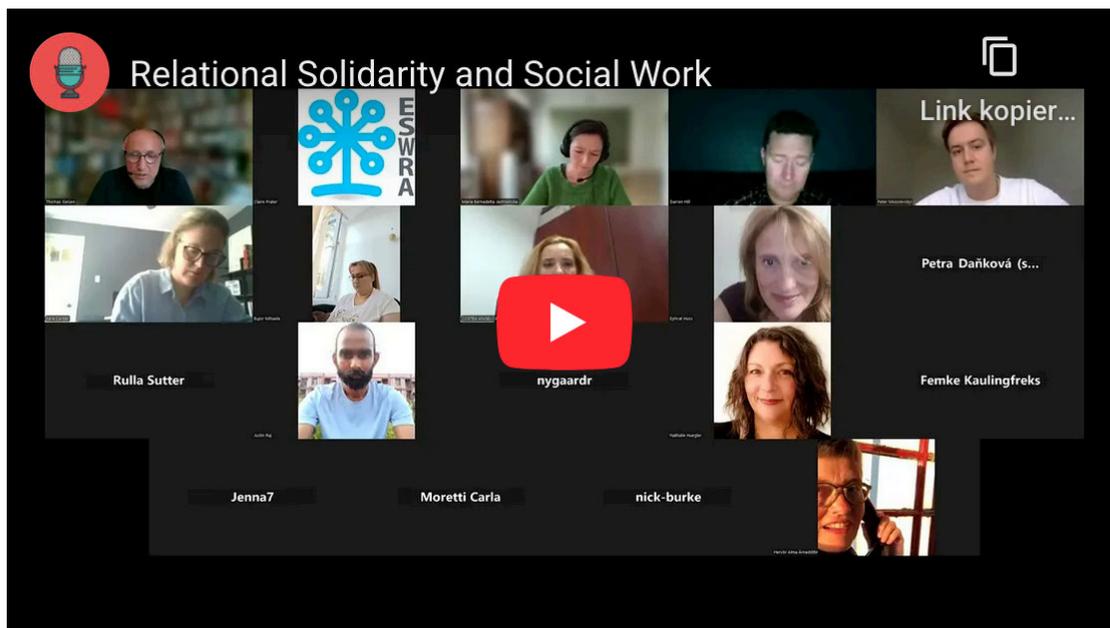
SRN - Partners - Personal Insights

'Why solidarity research?' An Interview with Prof. Dr. Harald Bauder

[→ Video](#)



[←](#) Review: SIG - Online Seminars



Our [ESWRA - Special Interest Group \(SIG\) 'Solidarities and Social Work'](#) recently hosted two insightful online seminars exploring solidarity in contemporary Social Work.

In a first seminar, [Prof. Dr. Thomas Geisen](#) introduced the concept of relational solidarity, arguing that solidarity—understood as the everyday practice of “standing up for each other”—offers important intersectional and decolonial perspectives for strengthening Social Work research and practice.

[→Video](#)

In 'Relocated Solidarity', [Prof. Dr. Sui Ting Kong](#) and [Hei Chow](#) examined how the Hongkonger diaspora in the UK redefines solidarity through political activism in exile and community-building efforts. Their presentation highlighted how social workers can act as bridges, advocates, and community innovators beyond a narrow safeguarding focus.

[→ Video coming soon here](#)

Together, the seminars reaffirmed solidarity as a vital, relational, and transformative concept for the field.

 **Save the Date!**

2nd International Solidarity Research Conference (2ISRC)

05–06 November 2026 | Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

The second **International Solidarity Research Conference (2ISRC)** will bring together scholars from across disciplines to examine boundaries of solidarity under the theme 'Limits of Learning and Solidarity'. Organized by the **Solidarity Research Network (SRN)**, the event will foster dialogue on how solidarity is challenged in the societal areas of family, work, nation and nature, especially in contexts of war, crisis and conflict. **Call for Papers below**

International Classes

We are organising two hybrid modules for students from all over the world to think about and to explore solidaric, innovative and sustainable solutions for global challenges and crisis in the fields of new work, future health and zero emissions.

[Disability management and Social Work in times of crisis and conflict. The Ukrainian case](#)

Disability management (DM) is a professional approach to action and counselling aimed at shaping individual and organizational learning processes in the context of work-related integration. The aim is to maintain or restore people's employability and to enable them to participate in the labor market by providing professional support to promote their reintegration into the workforce.

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[Exploration Week FHNW - Sustainable, Innovative, and Solidarity-Based Working Life! Interdisciplinary and Global Perspectives on Solidarity and Sustainability \(SUINSO\)](#)

The Exploration Week FHNW is an interdisciplinary project week that will be launched as a pilot initiative in 2026 to mark the 20th anniversary of FHNW. Its aim is to test innovative teaching formats, strengthen future-oriented skills, and promote collaboration across the university.

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Upcoming events in the Network

Workshop hybrid

2nd Workshop of our ESWRA Special Interest Group (SIG) on 'Concepts and Practices of Solidarity and Social Work' at the 15th European Social Work Research Association Conference (ECSWR) at the Robert Gordon

15.Apr.2026

Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen, Scotland and Zoom

University in Aberdeen, Scotland

[Register now](#)

[Programme](#)

26th International Migration Conference (26IMC)

The 26th International Migration Conference on 'Mapping Participation' at the University of Applied Sciences in Saarland, Germany.

[More info](#)

10-12.Jun.2026

University of Applied Sciences, School of Social Sciences Saarland htw saar, Saarbrücken, Germany

World Community Development Conference (WCDC)

The World Community Development Conference (WCDC) on 'Community Development in a Chaotic World: Challenge, Change and Collective Action', at the University of Glasgow, Scotland.

[More info](#)

30. Jun.-02.Jul.2026

University of Glasgow, Scotland

Keynote: 'Practice Research Vision and Mission – Change and Inclusion Across Borders and Sectors'

A keynote of our partner [Prof. Dr. Sui Ting Kong](#) during the 7th International Conference on Practice Research in Singapore.

[More info](#)

07.Jul.2026

Singapore University of Social Sciences, Singapore

International Conference 'Solidarity among Afghans inside and outside Afghanistan'

 **Save the Date!** International **10.-11.Jul.2026**
Conference on 'Solidarity among
Afghans inside and outside Afghanistan'
in Freiburg at the University of Education **University of Education, Freiburg,**
and online. **Germany**

Calls & Opportunities in the Network

- **Call for Papers** for the 2nd International Solidarity Research Conference (2ISRC), 5.- 6. November 2026 at the Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania
[Call for Papers](#)
- **Call for Papers** for a special issue 'Solidarity Research and Social Work. Theoretical and Empirical Perspectives' in the International Online Journal Social Work and Society [Call for Papers](#)
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- **Call for Papers** for a special issue 'Ukrainian Forced Migrants' Transnational Families: New Relationality and Shared Agency' in the Interdisciplinary Journal of Applied Family Science [Call for Papers](#)
- **Call for Papers** for a special issue on 'International Solidarity in Higher Education in Response to New and Shifting Political Pressures' in Internationalisation of Higher Education: Policy and Practice [Call for Papers](#)

Publications in the Network

 [Bauder, H. and M. B. Setrana, eds. \(2025\) "Urban Migrant Inclusion and Refugee Protection: Volume 1 – New Frontiers of Sanctuary, Solidarity, and Hospitality". Cham, Switzerland: Springer/IMISCOE: 256 pages \(open access, cloth, ebook\)](#)

 [Bauder, H. and M. B. Setrana, eds. \(2025\) "Urban Migrant Inclusion and Refugee Protection: Volume 2 – Global Perspectives of Sanctuary, Solidarity, and Hospitality". Springer/IMISCOE. Cham, Switzerland: Springer/IMISCOE: 233](#)

[pages \(open access, cloth, ebook\)](#)

 [Dreher, N. and Bauder, H. \(2026\) "Migrant and Refugee Solidarity in European Cities: A Meta-Synthesis of Key Themes and Approaches." Cities 169: 106597 \(open access\)](#)

 [Otto, L., & Eloff, I. \(2026\). Using vignettes to understand teacher well-being, anxiety and the long-term effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Pastoral Care in Education, 1-16.](#)

 [Williams, Allison an Sethi, Bharati \(Eds.\) \(2026\). Special Issue of the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, "Work-Life Policies, Employee Health and Well-Being"](#)

 **Coming up soon:** [Allasad Alhuzail, Nuzha \(2026\). "Solidarity as a Value, Emotion, and Practice: Arab Social Work Students' Perceptions in a Multicultural Society." In: \[International Social Work\]\(#\)](#)

Network & Partners

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