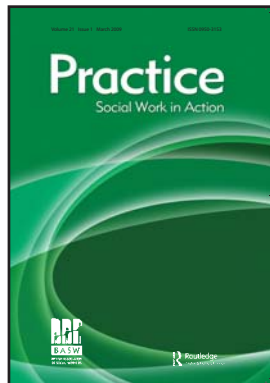


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Social Work Practice for the Poor: The East Asian Experience

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Over the years, *Practice: Social Work in Action* has provided a forum for the publication of research and knowledge from practice in a peer-reviewed journal. It actively promotes the international dimension of social work and fosters an exchange of learning, knowledge and values.

The journal is pleased to announce a special issue focused on anti-poverty social work practice in East Asia.

The special issue aims to offer a range of national and practical analyses on various innovative and effective social work approaches and intervention to assist the poor in this part of the world, which could inform social work practice in other regions. Additionally, we welcome papers on poverty research as well as contributions which examine the meaning of poverty to ordinary people who come from countries as diverse as China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Macau, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, Japan, South Korea, and other countries which are considered to be a part of East Asia.

East Asia is often hailed as a wealthier region which has successfully eliminated much poverty. Since the 1997 Asian financial crisis, however, East Asian societies have been facing crisis after crisis. Poverty along with income inequality has emerged as a serious social problem and social work practitioners have assumed an important role in addressing the issue.

Across the world, anti-poverty practice and poverty research have become areas of current and great interest to scholars, activists, policy-makers and the public. The state of poverty research and anti-poverty practice can be characterized as continually evolving with new insights unfolding over time. This special issue will examine institutions, research, strategies, theoretical ideas and activities pertaining to anti-poverty social work practice in East Asia.

We invite papers that deal with these issues either in a single country or in a comparative perspective. Papers could include analyses or reflections on:

- Community approach to poverty alleviation
- Role of advocacy and social capital
- Innovative or demonstration anti-poverty projects
- Anti-poverty policy implementation
- Poverty research and evaluation
- Culture and anti-poverty social work practice

We invite contributions to the above or to further issues that can be usefully raised in examining social work practice for the poor in East Asia. We are particularly interested in papers that offer fresh contributions to the existing literature on poverty research and practice.

Submission Information

The submitted papers will be blind reviewed in the normal way. Contributors should follow the journal's regular guidelines, as published in every issue of the journal. Papers should be no longer than 4000 words. Deadline for submission is 1 November, 2009. It is anticipated that the publication of the special issue will take place some time in 2010. This will coincide with opening of the Joint World Conference on Social Work and Social Development which will be held in Hong Kong in mid-June 2010. It is anticipated there will be over 2000 social work delegates from all over the world attending this Conference.

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