
Announcement 1

Department of Social Pedagogy

invites everyone interested

to participate in the International Scientific Conference

“Pedagogy towards stereotypes”

**The conference will be held on 22nd - 23rd of September 2011
at the university campus in Kortowo**

A stereotype is a one-sided, simplifying and idealized image of one's own community (self-stereotype) and an equally one-sided, simplifying and negative vision of other communities (P. Sztompka). Such a one-sided, selective, exaggerated, invalid and generalized perception of – actually highly complex – social reality, easily leads to segregation and discrimination. The stereotype itself, being only a cognitive component towards other social groups, is not dangerous yet, but it is most frequently linked to a strong negative emotional reaction of aversion, hostility and rejection towards “aliens”, and this is when a prejudice arises – an affective component of attitude. This can lead to separating from the “alien”, “other” group and increasing social distance. This is only one step towards discrimination, which constitutes a behavioural component which completes the entire attitude.

Most stereotypes are created through social learning. An important role in this process is fulfilled by parents, peers and the mass media, as well as by teachers. Undoubtedly, this provides a wide scope for pedagogical activities directed towards prevention of negative, unjust stereotypes towards certain social groups. A particular role in the contemporary, highly diverse society focused on individualisation should be played by education for tolerance, based on anti-discrimination and equality messages.

The aim of the conference is to present the present status of knowledge concerning stereotypes in various areas of education, as well as to identify positive and negative stereotypes which are important from the social and pedagogical perspective. We want to give some thought to the issue of how to raise the attention and sensitivity to stereotypes in teaching and educating, to indicate those areas in education which offer some room for “education to tolerance” and to point out the objectives, tasks and perspectives of development of such education. We are also interested in presentations of good practices in this area. We believe that together we can identify mechanisms forming prejudices, expose discriminatory practices applied in various educational environments, analyse towards whom they are used and with what purpose and to develop strategies to eliminate the effects of negative stereotypes.

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We would like to encourage teachers, sociologists, psychologists, philosophers and representatives of other scientific disciplines who are interested in the issue of stereotyping to take part in the discussion.

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The intention of the conference organizers is to take up a discussion in seven problem areas outlined below.

1. Stereotypes in a teacher's work.
2. Stereotypes in guardianship and educational work and in social rehabilitation work.
3. Stereotypes in social work.
4. Stereotypes of an immigrant, stereotypes concerning minorities.
5. Stereotypes concerning old age and ageing.
6. Stereotypes **related** to sex/gender; stereotypes concerning sexual minorities.
7. Media and stereotypes.

This outline should be treated as an open set of problems. We are open to suggestions concerning its extension or completion.

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Conference fee is 300 PLN (77 EU) and includes conference materials, dinner and appetizers during the conference. We are able to book a room in one of our student's houses in Kortowo campus (additional payment can be done just after arrival directly in the reception of each student's house). If you want us to book a room, please check it in the Application Form.

Conference fee should be paid to 31st of August 2011. Bank account:

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10-117 Olsztyn

Additional information in the title of money transfer is needed: „konferencja stereotypy, subkonto: 0908. 1105” together with your name and surname.

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We plan to publish conference papers in peer-reviewed book. Tips for authors will be placed on the conference website and in next announcement. We do not pay authors for their papers.

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Conference website: www.uwm.edu.pl/wns/artykul/219/pedagogika-wobec-stereotypow.html

If you need more information, please do not hesitate to ask:

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We kindly ask everybody who is interested about filling out and sending the Application Form to 20th of August 2011. Qualified attenders will get information just after sending the application form.

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