

## Syllabus

### Course description

<b>Course title:</b>	Outreach methodologies and network consolidation against human trafficking and exploitation
<b>Course year:</b>	1st (Social Work) 2nd (Educators)
<b>Semester:</b>	2nd
<b>Course code:</b>	51108 (Social Work) 64201 (Educators)
<b>Scientific sector:</b>	SPS-07
<b>Lecturer:</b>	Franca Zadra
<b>Module:</b>	/
<b>Lecturer other module:</b>	/
<b>Credits:</b>	4
<b>Total lecturing hours:</b>	30
<b>Total Hours of availability for students and tutoring:</b>	12
<b>Office hours:</b>	from Monday to Friday on request
<b>Attendance:</b>	according to the regulation
<b>Teaching language:</b>	English
<b>Propaedeutic course:</b>	none
<b>Course description:</b>	
<b>Specific educational objectives:</b>	<p><b>1. EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES:</b></p> <p>To acquire specific knowledge about the problem area of human trafficking for sexual and labor exploitation, and to gain a toolbox of strategies, methods and instruments applied in preventive or supportive outreach interventions towards disadvantaged persons and communities at risk of exploitation, as well as emersion and recovery pathways for exploited persons.</p> <p><b>2. METHODOLOGY:</b></p> <p>The course will entail some introductory theoretical and empirical elements. However, its focus will be to develop outreach work methodological capabilities through applied knowledge in the form of case studies, workshops, optional role-play drills and co-construction of potential intervention designs in some given settings.</p>
<b>List of topics covered:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introduction to street work and outreach intervention towards hard-to-reach populations and disadvantaged groups: general strategies and methodological approaches.</li> <li>2. The problem of human trafficking for labor and sexual exploitation: definitions, data, enabling or contrasting structural factors.</li> <li>3. The non-linear stages of outreach work: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Contacting populations at risk of trafficking or exploitation</li> <li>b. Joint assessment of needs and resources</li> <li>c. Establishing a service agreement</li> <li>d. Bridging with local services: creating facilitated pathways</li> <li>e. Formal and informal evaluation processes</li> <li>f. Referral processes to other structured pathways</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Boundaries, non-judgemental / non-violent communication, bias awareness and other relational strategies in low-threshold contact.</li> <li>5. Privacy and safety measures for low-threshold contact in the digital era.</li> <li>6. Local, national and transnational networking, for the co-construction of knowledge and interventions: case study on multiagency work.</li> </ol>
<b>Teaching format:</b>	Presence/online/hybrid Or methodology? If so, see above
<b>Learning outcomes:</b>	<i>Dublin descriptors:</i>

	<p><b>3. KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acquire knowledge related to the issue of human trafficking, sexual and labor exploitation (definitions, data, enabling or contrasting structural factors).</li> <li>Gain a toolbox of strategies, methods and instruments applied in outreach interventions towards disadvantaged persons and communities.</li> <li>Reflect on basic strategies and approaches to outreach work (centrality of the person's agency, goal-setting processes, relational boundaries, risk and expectation management, digital awareness, etc.)</li> <li>Be aware of the (often non-linear) stages of outreach work: a. contacting populations at risk of trafficking or exploitation; b. joint assessment of needs and resources; c. establishing a service agreement; d. bridging with services; e. formal and informal evaluation processes; f. referral processes to other structured pathways.</li> </ul> <p><b>4. APPLYING KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revisit past experiences with hard-to-reach populations, and gain more specific awareness of the effectiveness of the applied methodologies.</li> <li>Through (voluntary) drills, practice approaching hard-to-reach populations.</li> <li>Draft potential interventions in a variety of fields (e.g. domestic work, seasonal harvest, indoor prostitution, enforced criminality, etc.).</li> <li>Discuss hypothesis with peers in order to co-construct potential intervention designs.</li> <li>Discuss such co-designed interventions in a workshop setting with experienced anti-trafficking workers.</li> </ul> <p><b>5. MAKING JUDGEMENTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gain awareness of complex and intersectional factors of vulnerability which might influence a person's exposure to trafficking or exploitation;</li> <li>Discern structural factors that might enable or contrast exploitation in a local context;</li> <li>Enhance capabilities for boundary- and risk-management in outreach work.</li> </ul> <p><b>6. COMMUNICATION SKILLS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Learn basic communicative strategies for low-threshold contact.</li> </ul> <p><b>7. LEARNING SKILLS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify national and international anti-trafficking networks, as sources of updated data, guidelines and methods.</li> <li>Enhance context-analysis capabilities</li> </ul>
<b>Assessment:</b>	<p><b>1. WRITTEN INTERMEDIARY ASSESSMENTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individual question-based commentary on assigned methodological reading</li> <li>OR case analysis of previous outreach experience based on presented strategies and methods.</li> <li>Valued optional: contribution to a collective GLOSSARY on exploitation outreach, OR participation in voluntary role-play drill.</li> </ul> <p><b>2. PROJECT WORK – WRITTEN AND ORAL FINAL ASSESSMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Co-construction of a potential intervention design in groups, written project and oral discussion.</li> </ul>
<b>Evaluation criteria and criteria for awarding marks:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Written assessment: ability to extract relevant information from reading material and critically assess its applicability in the field of outreach work.</li> <li>Project work: adaptation of conceptualized strategies and methods to an outreach intervention targeting a specific context.</li> <li>Valued content features will be: critical reflection, reflections on own experience when relevant, creative solutions, attention to collaborative processes, centrality of target's agency and choice in intervention design, awareness of relational asymmetries, risks and structural factors when discussing targeted interventions.</li> <li>Valued formal features will be: respect of deadlines, accurate definition and representation of the studied phenomenon, appropriate use of technical language, active participation in collaborative work.</li> </ul>
<b>Required readings:</b>	Björn Andersson (2013) Finding ways to the hard to reach—considerations on the content and concept of outreach work, <i>European Journal of Social Work</i> , 16:2, 171-186, DOI: 10.1080/13691457.2011.618118
<b>Supplementary readings:</b>	<b>Exploitation, definitions and global data:</b>

US State Department, 2021, *Trafficking in persons report*.  
Rosa-Luxemburg Stiftung, 2021, *Atlas of enslavement*.

**Street work and outreach methodologies:**

INSSW and Dynamo, 2008, *International guide on the methodology of street work throughout the world*.

Hill, D.J., Laredo, E. (2019) First and last and always: streetwork as a methodology for radical community social work practice. *Critical and Radical Social Work*, DOI: 10.1332/204986019X15491042559682

Degani, P., De Stefani, P. (2020) 'Addressing Migrant Women's Intersecting Vulnerabilities. Refugee Protection, Anti-trafficking and Anti-violence Referral Patterns in Italy', *Peace Human Rights Governance*, 4(1), 113-152.

**Policy on labor exploitation:**

GRETA, 2020, n.2, *Guidance note on preventing and combatting trafficking of human beings for the purpose of labor exploitation*.

Ministero del Lavoro e delle Politiche Sociali, 2020, *Piano Triennale contro lo sfruttamento lavorativo e il caporalato*.

**Policy and overview on sexual exploitation in Italy:**

Degani, P., Perini, L. (2019) 'The Italian Public Policies Frame on Prostitution and the Practical Overlapping with Trafficking: an Inevitable Condition?', *Peace Human Rights Governance*, 3(1), 35-68.