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9:30 AM Welcome and Introduction of the International Center for Social Work Studies
Lynne M. Healy, Director, Center for International Social Work Studies
Mark Abrahamson, Ph.D., Interim Dean, School of Social Work
Richard Vengroff, Ph.D., Dean, International Affairs

10:00 AM KEYNOTE: "The Challenge of Internationalism in Social Work: Past, Present and Future"
Katherine A. Kendall, Ph.D.

10:30 AM CHALLENGES TO SOCIAL WORK AROUND THE WORLD: AN INTERNATIONAL PANEL
Chair:
Charles Guzzetta, Ph.D., Professor, Hunter College School of Social Work

Panelists:
Europe: *Antonin Wagner, Ph.D., Dean, School of Social Work, Zurich, Switzerland*
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12:15-1:15 PM INTERNATIONAL BUFFET LUNCH
Room 220-221 (Social Work Building)

1:30-3:30 PM WORKSHOPS:

A. Children's Rights in International Perspective: Lessons for Practice
Yvonne Asamoah, Ph.D., Professor, Hunter College School of Social Work; Board Member, Defense for Children International; Social Work Representative to UNICEF

B. Working with Immigrants and Refugees
Nazneen Mayadas, Ph.D., Professor, University of Texas, Arlington;
Diane Drachman, D.S.W., Associate Professor, University of Connecticut;
Nadia Rivkin, MSW Student, emigre from the Federation of the Republics of Russia;
Vichhyka Ngy, MSW, Catholic Family Services, Southeast Asian Mental Health program.

C. Policies and Practice in Aging: Learning from Abroad
Rob Hudson, Ph.D., Professor, Boston University; Heinz Kersting, Prof. Dr., Fachhochschule Niederrhein Fachberich Sozialivesen, Monchengladboch,

Germany; Lothar Krapohl, Prof. Dr., Kath. Fachhochshule NW Abteilung Aachen, Germany

D. Family Law and Social Work Practice: The Cross National Challenges
Catherine M. Havens, M.S.W., J.D., Assistant Professor, University of Connecticut; Barbara Ruhe, J.D., Attorney at Law, Hartford, CT, Practice specialty in family and juvenile law.

E. AIDS: The Global-Local Challenge
Laurie Novick, B.S.W., M.H.S.A., Coordinator, Greater Hartford HIV Action Initiative; Migdalia Belliveau, M.P.H., AIDS Educator and Acting Director, HIV Programs, Hartford Health Deparatment; Paul Throne, M.S.W., V.N.A. Hospice, Springfield and recent practicum at AIDS Research Organization of India, Madras, India; Barbara A. Dicks, M.P.H., Ph.D. Associate Professor, University of Connecticut; Barbara L. Lewis, Coordinator for Minority AIDS Prevention Project, Urban League of Greater Hartford.