

Participation in International Conferences by the Global-ANSWER Team of the Department of Political and Social Sciences (University of Florence) within the project “Global social work and human mobility: comparative studies on local government and good social work practices in the Euro-Mediterranean region” (Global-ANSWER)

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The UNIFI Team of Global-ANSWER participates in:

***X Congreso de la Red Española de Política Social (REPS)
“La dimensión social de las políticas públicas”***

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with the PANEL

“Buenas prácticas y movilidad humana: un enfoque innovador para la inclusión y la protección social”

The intersection between human mobility and social protection is an area that requires academic and professional attention, since the social inclusion of migrants in host societies is one of the main challenges faced by the globalized world. Social protection must be a fundamental mechanism for guaranteeing human rights, especially in contexts of vulnerability (adequate social policies and the provision of basic services), promoting equal opportunities and universal access. However, the well-being of this population is not always guaranteed. They are often in a situation of vulnerability due to restrictions and the limited impact of social protection policies. Their irregular administrative status and economic precariousness are some of the factors that turn those who have had to leave their countries of origin in search of better life opportunities into second-class citizens. The value of good practices and the possibility of sharing them is highlighted, to identify successful strategies that have been effective in different contexts. These are concrete examples of how professional action can inspire new initiatives and social policies that improve the well-being of migrant populations. Reference is also made to social innovation, understood as the development of new approaches and solutions to social problems, acting effectively and efficiently, and being sustainable. Finally, the phenomenon of human mobility is currently facing the rise of the far right and populist movements, which have raised the alarm and portray mobility as a threat to Western societies (blaming it for many of the problems faced by modernity). It is urgent to address these issues comprehensively, through an innovative approach. Research papers and professional experiences are welcome, focusing on some of the following subtopics: 1) Legal foundations and the rollback of the rights of migrants and asylum seekers in Europe. Future challenges. 2) Practices of (dis)protection and limits of professional intervention in the field of human mobility. 3) Good practices and innovative protection experiences for migrants and applicants for international protection. 4) Elimination of borders: culture and identity, migrants and applicants for international protection in Europe, in dynamic and complex contexts. 5) Political discourse and the politicization of the migration debate. Social imaginaries and public opinion on human mobility in the 21st century. This panel will present the main developments of the Global-ANSWER Network (MSCA-RISE-2019, ID: 872209), although it is also open to other research that enriches the intellectual and professional debate on human mobility and professional intervention.

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