

Dear Colleague,

We are delighted to invite you to a **workshop** organized on the topic of **restorative practices**, a “science of relationships and community. All humans are hardwired to connect. Just as we need food, shelter and clothing, human beings also need strong and meaningful relationships to thrive. Restorative practices is an emerging social science that studies how to strengthen relationships between individuals as well as social connections within communities.”¹

The workshop **aims** at gathering scholars interested in the topic as we are seeking opportunities to join in to the process of building the restorative approach in Romania. To this end, we would like to work together with the International Institute for Restorative Practices in order to initiate a process of reflection on what steps can be taken to introduce and disseminate the approach in our Eastern European cultural environment.

Venue: Emanuel University of Oradea, Department of Social Work (Oradea, str. Nufărului nr. 87)

Date: 7th of May, 2019, 11-14

Agenda: Presentations on Restorative practices and a session for discussions

Deadline for registration: 3rd of May, 2019 by email

Invited speakers

John W. Bailie, Ph.D. - A Science of Human Dignity

The desire to be treated with dignity is common to all human relationships. This desire manifests as the need to belong, to have voice, and to exercise agency in one’s own affairs. This talk will explore how, in its concern for these three areas of human need, restorative practices scholarship is beginning to provide a frame for the concept of human dignity that is communicable across cultures and disciplines via the language of the social sciences and testable through experimentation and research.

John W. Bailie, Ph.D., is President of the International Institute for Restorative Practices (IIRP). Dr. Bailie is a frequent presenter at national and international conferences on education reform and civil society development. He has initiated major research projects on restorative practices in schools and frequently publishes on the application of restorative practices in leadership, social innovation, adult learning and education reform. Dr. Bailie is also Visiting Faculty, Teachers College, Columbia University. He studied English, art and military science at Norwich University and accounting and logistics at the U.S. Navy Supply Corps School. He received his Master of Restorative Practices and Youth Counseling from the IIRP; Executive Certificate in Management and Leadership from MIT and holds a Ph.D. in Education and Adult Learning from Lesley University.

Vidia Negrea - Restorative practices for increasing community inclusiveness

The session will share lessons learned during the last two decades from the use of restorative practices in Hungary and recently in Romania. Aiming to build healthy communities, increase social capital, repair harm and restore dignity and relationships, restorative principles and practices were experimented and implemented in schools, communities and justice system as a response to the needs of vulnerable people and professionals or volunteers working with them. A case-based presentation will show the challenging nature of this endeavor, share professional successes and dilemmas.

Vidia Negrea is a trustee of International Institute for Restorative Practices (IIRP) and representative of IIRP Europe in Hungary. As a clinical psychologist, restorative practitioner, trainer and university lecturer, she has been working for over two decades implementing restorative practices, setting up model experiments in education, criminal justice and communities.

Best regards,
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¹ <https://www.iirp.edu/restorative-practices/what-is-restorative-practices>