

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS, Global Transformation and Social Work Practice.

4th, 5th November 2025, 09:30—16:00
University of Applied Science Dortmund
Sonnenstraße 96–100, Senate Chamber
44139 Dortmund

International Conference



Fachhochschule Dortmund University of Applied Sciences and Arts
invites you to attend the international conference:

***Sustainable Development Goals,
Global Transformation and Social Work Practice.***

International Conference 4th, 5th November
Exchange Programme 6th—13th November



The focus will be on the United Nations' global sustainability goals (SDGs) and the question of how partnerships can be effectively structured at both the local and global levels.

The two-day event brings together stakeholders from academia, practice, civil society and politics. Universities, research projects, students, NGOs and individual initiatives are invited to present and discuss their ideas, experiences and strategies in the context of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

Special attention will be given to:

- *Global and local action strategies for implementing the SDGs*
- *Cooperation between universities, NGOs and partners in the field*
- *Innovative micro-projects and individual contributions from students and researchers*
- *Interdisciplinary perspectives on social work and related disciplines*

The aim of the conference is to create a lively space for exchange and networking in order to develop joint paths towards sustainable global transformation.

The conference is part of a 10-day exchange programme for students and lecturers in social work and is sponsored by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). In addition to the two-day academic programme, numerous civil society actors will participate and visit networks, educational programmes and institutions related to the Sustainable Development Goals.

TIME	DESIGNATION	PRESENTER	EVENT TITLE
09:30—09:45	Host & Vice Dean: School of Social Work	Prof. Dr. Michael Boecker	Opening of Conference
09:45—10:00	Dean: School of Social Work	Prof. Dr. Katja Nowacki	Welcome from the Dean of School of Social Work
10:00—10:20	DAAD Team	Prof. Dr. Michael Boecker Prof. Dr. Tanusha Raniga Dr. Maud Mthembu Dr. Mildred Mushunje Dorothee Boecker	Introduction by DAAD Team
10:20—10:50	Dean: School of Social Work	Prof. Dr. Katja Nowacki	Child Care and Protection in Germany from an International Perspective
10:50—11:30	Education specialist	Serge Palasie	Place in the sun—the long shadow of German colonialism
11:30—12:00	TEABREAK		
12:00—12:20	University of KwaZulu-Natal	Nosihle Mabika	Reducing inequality in children through Early intervention services: Opportunities and Gaps
12:20—13:00	Fachhochschule Dortmund	Prof. Dr. Christine Graebisch	Access to justice for prisoners and in migration law

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13:00—14:00	LUNCH		
14:00—14:15	Vice Rector: University of Applied Science	Prof. Dr. Stephan Weyers	Welcome from Rector of the University of Applied Science
14:15—14:35	University of KwaZulu-Natal	Busisiwe Sambo	Community-based prevention and early intervention program for vulnerable children
14:35—14:55	Midlands State University	Prof. Dr. Mzwandile Sobantu	What’s with housing in(and) social work? Bridging the micro-macrodivide towards achieving sustainable development goals
14:55—15:15	Midlands State University; Institute of Women Social Workers	Hazel Kandima Kudzai M. Imbayarwo	The Hurukuro Model: Advancing mental health and gender equality through culturally rooted and sustainable Social Work practice
15:15—15:40	Executive Director: School of Social Work	Dr. Noel Muridzo Dr. Mildred Mushunje	Meeting Zimbabwe's commitments to SDGs through National Development Strategy 1: Fact or myth?
15:40—16:00	Host & Project Coordinator Fachhochschule Dortmund	Prof. Dr. Michael Boecker Dorothee Boecker	Program for the next conference day and following weeks

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09:30—10:00	University of Johannesburg, KwaZulu-Natal	Prof. Dr. Tanusha Raniga Dr. Maud Mthembu	Reflection Day 1 Program Day 2 SDG Conference
10:00—10:20	University of KwaZulu-Natal	Dr. Bongane Mzinyane	Strengthening Institutions for Peace and Justice: An exploratory contextual study on the daily implementa- tion of Adult Diversion in a rural district in South Africa
10:20—10:40	Fachhochschule Dortmund	Prof. Dr. Michael Boecker Dorothee Boecker	SDG Partnerships Goal 17 The role of partnerships in achieving sustainable development goals. Networking between science, research, society and NGOs.
10:40—11:00	Midlands State University; Fachhochschule Dortmund	Dr. Mildred Mushunje Dorothee Boecker	Confronting the remnants of colonialism and the impacts on the decolonising agenda: a case study of Germany and Zimbabwe
11:00—11:20	TEABREAK		
11:20—11:40	Fachhochschule Dortmund	Anna Lena Neufeld	Institutional Integration Services of Providers of integration assistance and their effect of social and economic sustainability.
11:40—12:20	Fachhochschule Dortmund	Tilmann Levi Hüppauff	Need satisfaction within planetary boundaries: Using real-world laboratories to put sufficiency into practice

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12:20—13:00	Fachhochschule Dortmund	Prof. Dr. Jan Christoph Albrecht	Sustainable Project Management and its applicability to small-scale projects of development cooperation
13:00—14:00	LUNCH		
14:00—14:20	University of Malawi	Felix Mokowa	Transforming Malawi's reformatory services from remedial to developmental social work: Implications on SDGs Alignment
14:20—14:40	University of Johannesburg, University of KwaZulu-Natal	Prof. Dr. Mzwandile Sobantu Dr. Bongane Mzinyane	Housing Injustice, Disaster Vulnerability and the Green Social Work Mandate in South Africa: A Pressure and Release Model Analysis
14:40—15:00	University of Johannesburg	Prof. Dr. Tanusha Raniga Thembeke Somtseu	Community solidarity, care and support for older women in Mount Fletcher, Eastern Cape, South Africa
15:00—15:30	DAAD Team	DAAD Team	Reflection with the group, Program and way forward

06. 11. 2025	THURSDAY	
10:15—11:45	Challenges of global transformation and their impact on Social Work, K11 Seminar	Fachhochschule Dortmund, Room 2.16 EFS 38a
12:30—13:30	Meet and Greet including refreshments and waffles	Worldhouse Dortmund Community Center, Rosental 1, 44135 Dortmund
13:30—14:30	Worldhouse: Civil society groups actively participate in shaping Dortmund at the Welthaus—democratically and critically of racism, transparently and climate-neutrally, sustainably and fairly	Worldhouse Dortmund Community Center, Rosental 1, 44135 Dortmund
14:30—15:30	<i>Thinking Decolonially, Acting in Partnership, Exploring collaborative projects and building truly equal partnerships in international development</i> Prof. Dr. Michael Boecker, Dr. Maud Mthembu, Dorothee Boecker, Sindisiwe Mkhize	Worldhouse Dortmund Community Center, Rosental 1, 44135 Dortmund

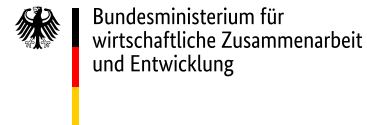
10.11.2025	MONDAY	
10:00—13:00	Workshop »Sidelined: Understanding and Challenging Discrimination«	BVB Learning Unit
13:00—14:00	Stadion Visit	BVB Soccer Stadium
14:00—15:30	Borusseum	BVB Museum
11.11.2025	TUESDAY	
10:15—11:45	Classic guided tour of the Palace of Labour	LWL Museum; Zeche Zollern, Grubenweg 5, Dortmund
12:00—13:00	Meet and Greet including refreshments and light lunch	Nordstadtgalerie, Bornstr. 142, Dortmund
13:30—15:00	Workshops to SDG 5 »Where are the women leaders?—A global dialogue on gender equality in social sector leadership« Romina Mailaro »Inside the Man Box—Exploring Masculinity, Emotions and Social Sustainability« Marc Pomplun	Nordstadtgalerie, Bornstr. 142, Dortmund
15:00—15:30	Plenary session	Nordstadtgalerie, Bornstr. 142, Dortmund

12. 11. 2025	WEDNESDAY	
10:15—11:00	The delegation from South Africa reports on the school's partner project and its cooperation in implementing the SDGs! The students from school present how they have worked on the SDGs.	St. Jacobus-Schule, Wahnscheider Str.13, Breckerfeld
11:00—11:45	Workshops on SDG 10, SDG 16 and SDG 4 <i>»Together against racism—embracing diversity, reducing inequality«</i> Dr. Maud Mthembu, Dr. Bongane Mzinyane, Dorothée Boecker, Prof. Dr. Tanusha Raniga SDG 10: <i>Reduced inequalities</i> SDG 16: <i>Peace, justice and strong institutions</i> SDG 4: <i>Quality education</i>	St. Jacobus-Schule, Wahnscheider Str.13, Breckerfeld
13. 11. 2025	THURSDAY	
10:15—11:45	The delegation from UKZN is visiting a school for a conversation of the impact of music, attitude and humanity for educational institutions.	Hildegardis-Schule Hagen, Zehlendorfer Str. 19, Hagen

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