

EUROPEAN SOCIETY FOR VOCATIONAL DESIGNING AND CAREER COUNSELING

3rd ESVDC WEBINAR

ADVOCACY IN CAREER GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING International perspectives

October 19, 2023, 3:15 - 5:50 p.m. (CEST)

The 2023 ESVDC webinar aims to further pursue the critical, transnational, and comparative perspectives that characterized its first and second webinars. Vocational psychologists and career counselors are increasingly considered key players in promoting social inclusion, with advocacy counseling emerging as an appropriate intervention approach to support clients struggling with systemic barriers. However, both research findings and the experiences of advocacy-oriented career guidance and counseling (CGC) remain rather fragmented. The 2023 ESVDC webinar will seek to broaden the understanding of what CGC research states about advocacy counseling, as well as to pave the way for operational and effective advocacy interventions in the career field.

International scholars will address the following questions:

- Why should CGC advocate for social inclusion?
- Under which conditions is the application of advocacy counseling in CGC relevant and viable?
- What **evidence** supports the validity of advocacy counselling and its application in the career field?
- What are examples of **best practices** of advocacy counseling in the career field?
- What guidelines and standards for effective advocacy CGC could be formulated?

The webinar will take place online on <u>October 19, 2023, 3:15-5:50 pm</u> (CEST). It will follow the ESVDC General Assembly (2:00pm-3:00pm) and will be introduced by a keynote from the recipient of the 2023 ESVDC Distinguishing Award.

Please register by October 1st

A participation link will be shared with registered attendees prior to the event.





PROGRAM

15:15 - 15.45	ESVDC Award Keynote
15:45 - 16:05	Elisabetta CAMUSSI - Gender equality and advocacy counselling: Is awareness enough?
16:05 - 16:25	Catherine TOURETTE-TURGIS - Advocating for the return to work of cancer survivors: Presentation of a cancer-sensitive skills assessment pilot center
16:25 - 16:40	Break
16:40 - 17:00	Jane GOODMAN - A counselors guide to advocacy: A three dimensional model
17:00 - 17:20	Saliha KOZAN - Social justice advocacy in counseling: Lessons from the advocates in practice
17:20 - 17:50	Jonas MASDONATI - Discussion and conclusion

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Elisabetta Camussi, Ph.D., is a licensed psychologist and an associate professor in social psychology at the Department of Psychology of the University of Milan-Bicocca, where for over 20 years she has been carrying out research, projects, and publications on gender issues, welfare, equal opportunities, vocational guidance, and life design. She has been a member of the Experts Committee on Economic and Social Issues set up by the Italian Government during the 2020 pandemic, and a member of the Cultural Change Commission of the Women20, Engagement Group of G20. She is vice president of the Italian Guidance Society (SIO) and a columnist for La Repubblica, one of the most important newspapers in Italy.

Dr. Jane Goodman is professor emerita of counseling at Oakland University in Michigan, USA. She is the author of several books, articles, and book chapters mostly related to transitions and adult career development, as well as supervision and advocacy strategies for counselors. She is a past president of The American Counseling Association, The National Career Development Association (NCDA), and The Counselors for Social Justice. She currently serves as a vice president for the International Association of Educational and Vocational Guidance. She received NCDA's Eminent Career Award.

Dr. **Saliha Kozan** (she/her/hers) is a licensed counseling psychologist and the director of clinical services at Boston University's Danielsen Institute (USA). She is passionate about promoting well-being and access to mental health care among marginalized communities. To forge a direct connection between clinical practice and social justice research, Dr. Kozan has been involved in various international research projects and presentations. She has co-authored peer-reviewed research articles and book chapters focusing on the intersections of mental health, social justice, work/career, and culture.

Prof. **Catherine Tourette-Turgis** is the founder of the University of Patients and a chairholder at the Sorbonne University, focusing on a capability-based approach to vulnerability. She previously taught at Rouen University, UC Berkeley and UC Santa Cruz, and currently leads three university degrees – health democracy, educational therapy and cancer recovery – tailored for patients wishing to turn their experience into expertise. Her background consists in 20 years of community based research and activism in America, Africa, and Europe alongside AIDES and ACTUP during the fight against HIV/AIDS. She worked towards designing counseling and training programs, and advocating for universal access to HIV medications. Prof. Tourette-Turgis then shifted to the field of cancer recovery, and currently focuses on cancer survivors' competencies and return to work, designing the first cancer-sensitive skills assessment pilot center in France.