Practising Social Work Ethics Around the World: Cases and Commentaries

Edited by Sarah Banks, Kirsten Nøhr

Ethics is an increasingly important theme in social work practice. Worldwide, social workers experience common ethical challenges (how to be fair, whether to break a rule, how to act in politically tense situations) in very different contexts – from disaster relief in China to child protection work in Palestine.

This book takes as its starting point real life cases featuring ethical problems in the areas of: negotiating roles and boundaries, respecting rights, being fair, challenging and developing organisations and working with policy and politics. Each case opens with a brief introduction, is followed by two commentaries and ends with questions for reflection. The commentaries, written by authors from different countries, refer to relevant theories, concepts, practical matters, alternative courses of action and their implications. Features within the book include:

- An introductory chapter covering issues of global ethics
- Cases and commentaries drawn from across the world – from Peru to Finland
- Cases based on real life situations and chapter introductions from leading authorities in social work and ethical theory
- Questions and practical exercises to aid teaching and professional development

This book is a unique and accessible resource for stimulating ethical reflection, expanding ethical horizons and developing ethical and intercultural sensitivity. It is designed for use by undergraduate and postgraduate students and professionals in the fields of social work, social education/pedagogy, social care work, international social work, community development, community or ganisation, youth work and related fields.

Table of Contents
1. Global ethics for social work? A case-based approach. 2. Negotiating roles and boundaries; Introduction; Case 2.1: Doing harm with a good heart: volunteer social work in a post-disaster situation in China; Case 2.2: ‘When the tables turned’: a social work intern’s moral dilemma in a Botswana police station; Case 2.3: When is it right to accept a gift? A Lithuanian social work student’s dilemma; Case 2.4: ‘Why should I have to reveal anything about my personal life?’ a dilemma for a lesbian student in Britain; 3. Respecting rights. Introduction; Case 3.1: Issues of choice and coercion: working in a psychiatric hospital in the USA; Case 3.2: The reluctant vegan: the case of an older man in a Swedish care home; Case 3.3: Social work in Vietnam: a Dutch student’s perspective; Case 3.4: Ethical issues in international social work research: a case from India; 4. Being fair. Introduction, Case 4.1: Dilemmas in working with an illegal migrant: a case from Japan. Case 4.2.: A young man waiting for a transplant: dilemmas for a hospital-based social worker; Case 4.3.: Dilemmas in working with a gypsy family: a story from a Portuguese social educator; Case 4.4: A gay applicant who wants to adopt a child: a case from Turkey 5. Challenging and developing organizations. Introduction; Case 5.1: Establishing the facts: issues for organizations working with young women in Iran; Case 5.2: Deciding on the right to health care insurance: a case from Peru; Case 5.3: The vicious cycle: issues for a church-based social worker in Australia; Case 5.4: Bending the Law? A case about reporting child abuse in Denmark; 6. Working with policy and politics; Introduction; Case 6.2: Maintaining professional integrity in an area of conflict: a women’s NGO in Pakistan; Case 6.3: The shrinking welfare state: caring for older people in Finland; Case 6.4: Maintaining professional integrity in an area of conflict: working with a sexually abused girl in the Occupied Palestinian Territories; 7. Working with cases and commentaries; Introduction; Case 7.1: Taking money from a dubious source: a dilemma for a social worker in China; Case 7.2: Maintaining professional secrecy: a French ethical situation Case 7.3: Institutional pressures and social work ethics: a case from Jamaica; Case 7.4: Between education and punishment: dilemmas for a Malaysian youth worker; Case 7.5: Maintaining the rules: a dilemma about a homeless person in Spain; Case 7.6: Balancing a girl’s need with a mother’s decision: a dilemma for a youth worker in Finland; Using cases and commentaries in teaching and learning; Exercises.

*Discount available with this flyer only (see order form overleaf)
### ROUTE YOUR BOOKS TODAY...

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Qty</th>
<th>Title</th>
<th>ISBN</th>
<th>Price (£)</th>
<th>Total (£)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

#### Postage & Packaging
5% of total order (£1 min charge, £10 max charge). Next day delivery +£6.50*.
*We only guarantee next day delivery for orders received before noon.
Prices and publication dates are subject to change.

**Sub-total**

**P&P**

**TOTAL**

### Your Details – Please use block capitals.

First Name:

Surname:

Email:

Organisation/School:

Address:

Postcode:

Country:

Telephone (including area code):

### Methods of Payment

Please tick and/or fill relevant boxes and select card type.

- Please send me a pre-payment invoice. My Reference Number is: ____________________________
- I enclose a cheque (made payable to Taylor & Francis) for £________
- Please charge my debit/credit card.

[ ] VISA

[ ] MasterCard

[ ] American Express

[ ] Access

Card number: ____________________________

Start date: ___/___ Expiry date: ___/___ Issue No*: _____

Security number: Last 3 digits of security number on back of card: __________

Signature: ____________________________

Date: _____/_____/_____

*Only if paying by Maestro

### FREE P&P ONLINE FOR UK CUSTOMERS!

---

### Routledge Paperbacks Direct

Responding to the changing needs of academics and students, we have now made a selection of our hardback publishing available in paperback format. Available directly from Routledge only and priced for individual purchase, titles are added to the selection on a regular basis.

Visit [www.routledgepaperbacksdirect.com](http://www.routledgepaperbacksdirect.com) for a full list of available titles.

---

### Recommend key titles to your librarian today.

Ensure that your library has access to all the latest publications.


---

### Routledge Revivals

Discover Past Brilliance...

[www.routledge.com/books/series/Routledge_Revivals](http://www.routledge.com/books/series/Routledge_Revivals)