



THE COUNCIL OF INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP CYPRUS  
is hosting the  
34<sup>th</sup> CIF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE VIRTUALLY  
in collaboration with CIF Switzerland, CIF Israel & CIF Turkey  
November 5-7, 2021

CONFERENCE THEME

***Best Practices in Times of Crisis –  
New Challenges and Opportunities in the pandemic Era on Families and Children***

*The scope of the 2021 Conference is to address the innovative interventions and best practices that have been enforced by professionals to adapt to the crisis to services for families and children.*

Moderator: *Maria Christopoulou* (CIF – CYPRUS)

**DAY 1: Friday, November 5, 2021: OPENING SESSION**

LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUIceuopi0qGNdKeO2SSfN2EHqp1AXFsm3D>

2.00 – 2.30 pm\* Opening Remarks/ Welcome addresses by  
President CIF Cyprus: Maria Christopoulou  
President: Cyprus Association of Social Workers: Koulla Erotokritou  
First Officer of the Cyprus Social Welfare Services: Chara Tapanidou  
President CIF International: Elisabeth Fischbacher

2.30 – 3.15 pm\* **Keynote Speech** by *Dr Vassilis Ioakimides*, Professor of Social Work,  
Co-editor of British Journal of Social Work, IFSW Education Commissioner  
**“Rethinking Recovery in Times of Covid 19”**.

3.15 - 3.30 pm\* **Chat Rooms – Coffee break – Networking**

Moderator: ***Annita Koni*** (CIF-CY)

3.30 – 5.00 pm\* **Workshop 1: “The solidarity ‘s response to COVID 19 and what are the lessons we have learned”** by *Dr Olivia Patsalidou*, working with non-governmental sector at the Pancyprian Volunteering Coordinative Council (Cyprus).  
Presentations of good practices by *Dr Yaron Ziv*, Senior Psychotherapist, Director of centre for Psychotherapy (Israel): **“Covid19 and its impact on the ultra-orthodox community in Israel: The social support by the community to help people in need”**.  
and Associate Professor *Dr Gonca Polat*, Social Work Department, Ankara University, (Turkey). **“Covid 19 Experiences of Social Services in Turkey”**.

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4.15 - 4.30 pm\* **Questions for Workshop 1**

4.30 – 5.00 pm\* **Break Rooms:** The participants will break into small groups to discuss the presentations. The final comments will be presented on *Sunday*.

5.00 – 5.45 pm\* *Welcome Virtual Reception:* Cheese and Wine accompanied by Cyprus music and dance.  
Virtual Project Visits in Cyprus

## **DAY 2: Saturday, November 6, 2021**

LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUpdO2sqjliHdRSKjRsb1-DaKGjpxNZ41j>

Moderator: ***Despina Oikonomou (CIF-HELLAS)***

2.00 – 3.30 pm\* **Workshop 2: “Social Support for Children and Their Families in Times of Pandemic”**  
by *Traudel Spiess Beeler*, social worker, coordinator, coach, and supervisor at the Psychosocial care for families Central Switzerland, Lucerne, Switzerland.  
Presentations of good practices by *Yu-Chiao, Tseng*, protective social worker, government-employed, working with victims of sexual abuse, child-abuse, and domestic violence, Taiwan and *Silvia Nutter*, social worker, and supervisor in child protection systems of the government, Argentina.

2.45 - 3.00 pm\* **Questions for Workshop 2**

3.00 – 3.30 pm\* **Break Out Rooms:** The participants will break into groups to discuss the presentations. The final comments will be presented on Sunday.

3.30 - 3.45 pm\* **Chat Rooms – Coffee break - Networking**

Moderator: ***Gabriele Kronberger (Gabi) (CIF Austria)***

3.45 - 5.00 pm\* **Workshop 3: “Impact of the Pandemic on Families and people with special needs”**  
by *Dr Muhammad Diab* Director, El Nahda Institution - residential facility and a school for Israeli Arabs with developmental intellectual disabilities and with challenging behavior (Israel): **“The theoretical framework of working with families and people with special needs in Israel and in the Arab Israel society”**.  
Presentations of good practices by Professor *Sujata Bhan*, Head of the Department of Special Education at SNDT Women's University in Mumbai (India): **“Parent-teacher-Partnership”** and by *Julie Bakhtova-Kononova* (Russia), Clinical psychologist and cognitive-behavioral psychotherapist. Worked at St. Petersburg State Budgetary Institution of Health and as a clinical psychologist and social worker for vulnerable and defenseless families and children, and as the chief coordinator for reconstruction of the polyclinic on Lean technologies principle: **“Caring for children during the pandemic”**.

4.30 - 4.45 pm\* **Questions for Workshop 3**

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4.45 – 5.15 pm\* **Break out rooms:** The participants will break into groups to discuss the presentations. The final comments will be presented on Sunday.

5.15 – 5.30 pm\* **Coffee Break - Networking - National Branch reunion**

### **5.30 - 7.00 pm\* General Assembly of CIF International**

A special link will be provided to members of CIF International.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYkf-qprz8vG93YQktTj3LOg2RtUnxuws4y>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

## **DAY 3: Sunday, November 7, 2021**

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GROUP A 2.00 – 3.14 pm\* **Parallel Discussions/Presentations (Please register for one/two of these)**

### **Themes for Presentations/Discussions**

- ✓ “Youth’s climate activism in times of Covid-19: Implications for policy and practice” by **Dr Spyros Spyrou**, Professor, Sociocultural Anthropology, European University, **Eleni Theodorou**, Associate Professor, Social Foundation Education, European University, **Georgina Christou**, Postdoctoral Research Fellow University of Cyprus (Cyprus).

- **Moderator:** Panayiota Christodoulou (Symvoulia Egrafis Social work)

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZApd-mtqTwrG9UaBDa7IP7DjrodQAWjxBpJ>

- ✓ “Save Our Food” by **Stavros Parlalis**, Assistant Professor of Social Work, Frederick University (Cyprus).

- **Moderator:** Despina Oikonomou (CIF-Hellas)

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUtc-6qrjooE9Yv91LDDzMVHTcg5AX7UkO5>

- ✓ “Make empathy great again: a psychosocial interpretation and reflections of the effects of the pandemic on empathy” by **Katerina Koni**, Doctoral candidate in clinical psychology, University of Nicosia (Cyprus).

- **Moderator:** Gabrielle (Gabi) Kronberger, (CIF-Austria)

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88352365847?pwd=NWh1SjJnRUF3akM1YXlnZ1ZjYWc1UT09>

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GROUP B 3.15 – 4.29 pm\* **Parallel Discussions/Presentations (Please register for one/two of these)**

- ✓ “Helping Children and Their Parents Cope and Build Resiliency During COVID-19” by **Beth Guzi** (USA).

- Moderator: Pantelis Makri (CIF-Cyprus)

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcvc-mhrjkuH9CNU9srVPZDmQy0wxKQTDRV>

- ✓ “The impact of the pandemic on the practice dimension of social work: The Case of the USA and Turkey” by **Stacy Moreno** School Social Workers & Social Work Faculty, Paradise Valley Community College (Arizona-USA) and **Gülcan Urhan**, Assistant Professor of Social Work, Istinye University (Istanbul-Turkey).

- Moderator: Galina Kurganova, (President of CIF Russia)

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYsf-uopjMuHdCldNZPxLPqdbq770BFonbu>

- ✓ “Pandemic and Resilience” by **Dr Eleonora Papaleontiou – Louca**, Educator & Assoc. Professor in Psychology, European University Cyprus (Cyprus).

- Moderator: Demet Gulaldi, (CIF-Turkey)

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEkc-uoqj0iHtB7ZzIVHI980ykQXuQsG8Kt>

- ✓ “Repairing social bonds through Social Mediation” by **Nadia Kornioti**, Research Scholar & Social Mediation trainer, ICLAIM, (Cyprus).

- Moderator: Szu-Hui Ema Huang (CIF- Taiwan)

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAqdeCpriMsGtaVr8rrYXWVqb4rxVuJGiRa>

CLOSING LINK FOR CIF CONFERENCE 2021:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82782397002?pwd=ZkczQ0l3eHFtUXJpTVZnSVRFQWIZUT09>

4.30 – 5.30 pm\* **Workshop Presentations** (4 group leader presenters)

5.30 – 6.30 pm\* “General Outcomes and Take-Home notes from the Conference”  
**Dr Eleni Athanasiou**, Lecturer of Social Work, European University Cyprus

**Goodbyes and Farewell**

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## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

**Fee** Participation is free of charge.

**Registration** Is needed by all participants.

**Registration Form:** <https://forms.gle/Qbv91R6iDuK9xH8T6>

**Technical support** for any communication and problem regarding the CIF Conference:  
**conferencecif@gmail.com**

VIRTUAL CONFERENCE CIF INTERNATIONAL: Usage of Zoom and Blackboard platforms. All participants will receive a training seminar 2 weeks prior to the conference regarding the used platforms. The first week of November you will receive the links to choose the workshops you will be attending.

Please Feel Free to send out to other colleagues, organizations, centres, friends the information for the Conference. We hope to attract more professionals internationally since one can be in the safety of its own home and at the same time be trained virtually and networking worldwide with other friends and colleagues.

## QUESTIONNAIRE:

**Subject:** CIF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2021



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This is a short questionnaire that is designed to provide the conference with a picture of CIF's members' experiences during and after the pandemic around the world. The results will be shared during the closing session of the conference. Your participation is voluntary, but your views are very important. We count on you to be able to paint a fairly thorough picture of global diversity and learn from each other. Thank you in advance for responding!

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScoXHIQan5pY5\\_AiYYw89K7SAk-uaR53TNKvQq3MQORq1AMaQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScoXHIQan5pY5_AiYYw89K7SAk-uaR53TNKvQq3MQORq1AMaQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0)

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