

## **New International Master's program on comparative social work has started**

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International Master's program on comparative social work has begun in September 2009 in the University of Lapland and in the Pomor State University. The Master's Degree Programme in Comparative Social Work (CSW) consists of a total of 120 ECTS credits (2 years of studying). It is planned and organised with seven Russian and two Finnish universities in the context of Barents Cross Border University (BCBU).

The programme is for students with a prior academic degree in social work or related field and interested in acquiring a better understanding of national and global social work, through a comparative approach.

The language of the programme is English. The first students are from Russia and Pakistan. Graduating students will be awarded degree qualifications by the university where they are accepted and registered. The degree qualifications are a *Master of Social Sciences* from the University of Lapland, and a *Master of Social Work* from the Pomor State University.

After graduation, students can work, for example, in different positions in international projects and tasks, as well as social workers. The need for experts who have skills to understand international contexts of social issues, as well as a perspective with a comparative approach to different cultural context has increased. Therefore, work prospects do not await graduates only within the region, but also in international tasks round the world. Graduates will also have the possibility to continue studies for a Ph.D and to perform comparative research. In so doing, the graduates will be in the front line of promoting scientific research.

### **The students of the CSW program at work**



Students of winter school with Professor Kyösti Urponen.



Work group with the Professor Feldt.

For more information, please visit the [Master's program's web pages](#)