

CARING SOCIETIES FOR ALL

Advancing Social Rights
for Persons with Disabilities

Programme

19 March 2025

10:00 – 15:45 CET

Online Conference

Register



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10:00 - 11:30 First session

10:00 - 10:30 Opening Remarks

Sandrine Haymoz - Chair -

Professor, School of Social Work Fribourg (HETS-FR)

Magdalena Sepúlveda

Director, United Nations Research Institute for
Social Development (UNRISD)

Kira Kruglikova

Director of Administration, United Nations Office
at Geneva (UNOG)

Joël Gapany

Director, School of Social Work Fribourg (HETS-FR)

Priska Fleischlin

Global Commissioner, International Federation
of Social Workers (IFSW)

10:30 - 10:45 Participatory activity



Karima Cherif - Facilitator -

Head of Communications and Outreach, UNRISD

10:45 - 11:30 Keynote presentation

Unlocking Caring Societies via Purple Economy

Anne Lavanchy - Moderator and Q&A -

Professor, School of Social Work Geneva (HETS-GE)

Shanti Raghavan

Founder EnAble India, Ashoka Fellow,
Schwab Social Innovator

11:30 - 13:00 Break

13:00 - 15:30 Second session

13:00 - 13:05 Participatory activity



Karima Cherif - Facilitator -

Head of Communications and Outreach, UNRISD

13:05 - 13:50 Keynote presentation

How to support a Caring Inclusion of Persons
with Disabilities? Lessons from the Global South

Anne Lavanchy - Moderator and Q&A -

Professor, School of Social Work Geneva (HETS-GE)

Monica Pinilla-Roncancio

Assistant Professor Universidad de los Andes,
Associate Research Oxford Poverty and Human
Development Initiative and Centre for Inclusive Policy

13:50 - 13:55 Break

13:55 - 14:00 Participatory activity



Karima Cherif - Facilitator -

Head of Communications and Outreach, UNRISD

14:00 - 15:00 Roundtable

Towards the Second World Summit for Social Development:
Promoting caring societies and inclusion for persons
with disabilities

Katja Hujo - Moderator and Q&A -

Senior Research Coordinator, UNRISD

Facundo Chavez Penillas

Human Rights and Disability Advisor, United Nations
High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

Wilaiporn (Kae) Kotbungkair

Associate Professor of Social Work, Thammasat University

Pradeep Bagival

Disability Inclusion & Social Protection Specialist
Handicap International – Humanity & Inclusion

Stefan Tromel

Senior Disability Specialist, International Labour Organization

15:00 - 15:10 Participatory activity



Karima Cherif - Facilitator -

Head of Communications and Outreach, UNRISD

15:10 - 15:45 Reflections & Closing Remarks

Swetha Rao Dhananka - Chair -

Professor, School of Social Work Fribourg (HETS-FR) and
IFSW Representative

Pierre Margot-Cattin

Professor, School of Social Work Valais (HETS-VS)

Natasha Trotman

Researcher, Activist and Co-Chair of the Disabilities,
Intersectionalities and Eco-Social Contracts working group
(Global Research and Action Network for a New Eco-Social
Contract, GRAN-ESC)

Jean-Félix Savary

Director, School of Social Work Geneva (HETS-GE)

Christos Panagiotopoulos

President of the European Association of Schools of
Social Work (EASSW) & Professor of Social Work,
University of Nicosia