

THURSDAY 30TH APRIL

18:00 – 21:00 Meeting each other and Group presentations

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MONDAY 4/05/2026

MUNICIPALITY LIBRARY - KOMOTINI

9.30 – 10:30 Greetings Ice breaking and dividing into intercultural groups

10:30 – 11:30 **“Komotini an accessible city” Presentation of the Municipality projects for the accessibility of the city**
Dimitrios Gartsonis, Consultant of the Mayor at Municipality of Komotini

The “Housing and Employment” Program of the Municipality of Komotini: A Social Work Perspective
Christina Papadopoulou, Scientific Director of the Program & Elena Kalaitzidou, Social Worker

Perpato Association: Activities and Projects
Maria Kiletsi, Social Worker and Afroditi Mitsakou, Pshychologist

Agioi Theodoroi: Association for the Care and Provision of People with Disabilities – Rodopi Prefecture: Activities and Projects
Fotini Babali, Social Worker

11:30 – 12:00 Coffee Break

12:00 – 12:20 **Children and Youth Voices and Participation in Social Services,**
Agneska Naumiuk, Prof. at University of Warsaw

12:20 – 12:40 **Neurodiversity and the ‘autism industry’**
Michael Rassel, Ass Prof Innsbruck University

13:00 – 13:30 Lunch and group meetings

18:30 – 19:30 Dept of Physical Education and Sports Science - Traditional Dance seminar

20:00 Welcome Dinner – Nymphaea

TUESDAY 5/05/2026

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8:00 – 9:00 Breakfast at the university students restaurant

9:00 – 10:30 Students Group Meetings - Discussion

10:30 – 11:30 **1) Family Resilience and Addiction**
G. Filippidis (Ass. Prof- Democritus University of Thrace)

2) Special Education and Multidiagnosis in the era of social inclusion : A paradox in the Greek Educational System
St. Fragkos, (Ass. Prof. Democritus University of Thrace)

11:30 – 12:30 **3) The placement trajectories of children served by French child protection**
Prof Marie Lesage and Prof Emilie Potin (Rennes 2 University).

4) Poverty-aware interventions in kindergartens, schools and families
(Michael Rasell Ass. Prof Innsbruck University)

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch at the University Refectory

14:00 – 15:00 Discussion Groups

15:00 – 16:30 Groups’ Presentations

WEDNESDAY 6/05/2026

8:30 Departure to Xanthi – Avdira Meeting at the University

10:00 Visit to the Avdira Museum

11:30 Community Centres Genissea

Child Protection Teams in the Municipalities – Prevention and early Intervention of Child Abuse and Neglect
Agapi Kandylaki (Prof) Hellenic Mediterranean University, Aikaterini Oikonomou (Ass. Prof) Hellenic Mediterranean University and Olga Katsiani (Ass. Prof) Democritus University of Thrace

Reclaiming Collective Care: An Ubuntu - Informed, Trauma-Responsive Approach to Preventing Violence and Promoting Social Inclusion among Children and Families
(Prof. Nontembeko Bila University of Pretoria South Africa)

Evaluating a family- and community-based intervention in South Africa: The Sihlengimizi family programme
(Jenita Chiba, Ass Prof. University of Pretoria South Africa)

13:30 Walking by the River Nestos Environmental Visit

THURSDAY 7/05/2026

8:00 Departure Day trip to Proskynites

9:00 – 10:00 **Gender Politics and Social Justice in Kosovo: Challenges and Perspectives,**
Associate Prof. Vjollca Krasniqi (University of Prishtina Kosovo)

Ethics as a Preventive Framework in Social Work with Children and Families: Beyond Risk Management,
Dr. Victoria Angelova (Senior Ass. Prof. Plovdiv University)

10:00 – 10:30 Coffee Break

10:30 – 12:00 **The narratives of autism and the emerging challenges for school social work: metaphors used in the parents’ discourse,**
Lemonia Chydiroglou, PhD Candidate, Democritus University of Thrace

Fathering and Resilience,
G. Kountouras (Ass. Prof- Democritus University of Thrace)

12:30 Visit to the Ancient Theatre of Maronia

FRIDAY 08/05/2026

DEPT OF SOCIAL WORK BUILDING A ROOM A1

9:30– 10:00 **Bridging Pedagogy with Social Work as a second degree: Opportunities and Challenges**
Alexandros Stylianidis

10:00 – 11:00 **Workshop: Children Philosophy against bullying,**
Prof Yessim Fazlioglou TRAKYA UNIVERSITEZI EDIRNE

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 – 14:00 Reports and Group Presentations



BLENDED INTENSIVE PROGRAMME
DEMOCRITUS UNIVERSITY OF THRACE

30th April to 8th May 2026

Till next time...

Critical Social Work with Children and Families:

Challenges and Interdisciplinary Perspectives for
Sustainable Development, Prevention
and tackling of Violence and Social Inclusion

