

Call for papers on Intercountry / International Adoption

Submissions are invited for a special issue of *ISW* due out in 2009, with a focus on intercountry/international adoption.

We welcome submissions that inform social work theory and practice and which evidence conceptual and methodological rigor. Both qualitative and quantitative methods will be considered.

We invite submissions on topics such as (but not limited to):

- **Research related to sending nations**, such as China, Guatemala, Russia, Ethiopia, Korea, Vietnam, and emerging African countries such as Liberia.
- **Ethics** of the intercountry adoption process.
- **Intercultural considerations** in intercountry adoption.
- **Family building** across space and place.
- The relatively under-represented **perspectives of birth mothers and fathers**.
- **The impact of war** on policy and practice.
- **Developmental outcomes and interventions** for internationally adopted children, with respect to pre-adoption experiences such as institutionalization.
- **Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption (ICA)** in the past, present, and future.
- **Responses to adoption from affected persons**, including the adoption triad, constellations of families, social network systems, and communities.
- **Lessons learned from moratoria and irregularities** related to intercountry adoption policies and practices.
- **Identity development** of intercountry adoptees.
- **Open adoptions and birth family reunions** for intercountry adoptees.
- **Physical and psychological health issues** for intercountry adoptees.
- What is known about **adoption disruptions**.
- **Intercountry adoptions to receiving countries** other than North America
- **Bicultural socialization** in adoptive families.
- **Particular issues** such as intercountry adoptions by military families or lesbian and gay families.

The editors* would be pleased to receive expressions of interest or enquiries as soon as possible. The last date by which submissions can be considered is **5th Jan 2009**.

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