

Social work seminar: Prof. Sue White

Neuroscience and the politics of early intervention

Attempts at human and social improvement, fuelled by a potent desire for a better world and fear of the mob and moral degeneracy, have since the Enlightenment relied on Science and Reason. Who benefits and who is controlled in the service of a better world represent fundamental dilemmas and contradictions in an enduring utopian project. Social work has been part of this project and is affected by its various twists and turns.



At present, we are seeing a high-tech turn in the bio-sciences which renders our cells and brains in molecular technicolour. The neuro prefix has become ubiquitous. Technological biologies have proved very enticing for politicians and welfare campaigners alike. Scientists pressed by the 'impact' agenda and perhaps their own moral positions, make portentous claims.

But the moral complexities have not gone away. Indeed, rejuvenated biological understandings add considerably to the moral maze. Utopians, like circus horses, smelling the sawdust, cannot help but dance. The tune may be different but the steps are well rehearsed. This paper will review the developments and reflect on their implications for ethical social work practice.

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5.30pm - 7.00pm with refreshments from 5.00pm

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Lawley Lecture Theatre, Kingston University, Kingston Hill Campus, Kingston Hill,
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Sue qualified in social work at the University of Leeds in 1984. She worked as local authority social worker and manager, mainly in statutory child care, until 1995, when following doctoral studies, she moved to an academic post at the University of Manchester, leaving in 2002 to become Professor of Health and Social Care at the University of Huddersfield and, in 2007, Professor of Social Work at Lancaster. Sue joined the Institute for Applied Social Studies, at the University of Birmingham in 2010, and earlier this year was appointed Professor of Social Work at the University of Sheffield.

Sue has been involved in the social work reform process in England in recent years. She served on the Social Work Task Force, was a member of the College of Social Work Development Group and the Social Work Reform Board. She was also a member of reference group for the Munro Review of child protection services in England.

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