

Plenary Workshops Proposal

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"Evidence-informed Trauma Counseling in an International Context"

In the two workshops we will provide case studies and a guided discussion on "Using Local Knowledge to Inform ISTSS Practice Guidelines." A summary of ISTSS practice guidelines will be provided, and participants will be asked to engage in a creative dialogue about possible trauma treatments that incorporate the meaning-making systems of diverse cultures and diverse groups. We will illustrate the evidence-based trauma treatments and their relevance for specific diverse populations by applying them to cross-national refugees including victims of human trafficking. We will draw upon the literature and the clinical experience of conference participants to develop an understanding about the resilience and meaning making structures that support the survival and resilience of some of the most oppressed and marginalized groups.