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Abstract

The aim of this investigation is to enhance the practice of social work. To comprehend the roles of subjective decision-making and structural circumstances, a theoretical framework and analytical approach are necessary. Consequently, social workers face demanding tasks in managing vital and challenging issues concerning the livelihood trajectories of socially vulnerable individuals and groups. The sociological perspective, with its theoretical and research tools and methods, is contributing in investigating and managing social inequality, discrimination, and exclusion. The professional characteristics and current role of the Social Worker have undergone significant differentiation. Today, it is acknowledged that Social Work is structurally shaped by social factors and conditions. Social stratification processes, a structural feature of Western modern class societies, lead to social exclusion, vulnerability,

and ultimately, social inequality. Based on the foregoing argument, it can be deduced that managing pathology or vulnerability is only a short-term measure. In the long run, a sustainable solution to vulnerability and pathology requires the undoing of a pathological culture. A long-term approach that considers the social and community factors that contribute to its development is necessary. Finally, sociological conceptualisation enables social workers to reflect critically beyond managing the effects of a phenomenon, towards reconsidering the underlying structural conditions that cause it. It also facilitates addressing the corresponding behaviors, attitudes, and practices that reproduce the phenomenon. Thus, the current study focuses on the 'social' and aims to enhance the Social Worker's toolbox to manage complex social issues, particularly those resulting from Permacrisis phenomenon.

