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The special issue will include a broad spectrum of papers. Submissions are invited that focus on epistemological and theoretical developments, empirical studies, policy perspectives, and curriculum initiatives in social work education.

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- Embodied pedagogies and knowledge perspectives
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