

# Editorial: A special comment on this special issue on international ethics and values,

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I write this as a welcoming statement for those attending the Conference on International Social Work.

Approximately 8 years ago, when the *Journal of Social Work Values and Ethics* was still in the planning stages, the Editorial Board discussed the desire to offer a special issue on international ethics. Since then, I have been introducing the possibility at every appropriate venue in which I had an opportunity to speak. Over the Internet, I met Jason L. Powell, an Associate Dean at the University of Liverpool in the UK, who expressed a strong interest in joining the Editorial Board. Besides having an impressive resumé, after an energetic discussion with Jason, he “volunteered” take the helm as Special Guest Editor for our *Special Issue on International Social Work Values and Ethics*.

During the 2009 conference of the Council on Social Work Education, I met Robin Sakina Mama, Dean of Social Work at Monmouth University. I learned that Robin is the representative to the International Federation of Social Work at the United Nations. In addition, she was one of the coordinators for the Conference on International Social Work scheduled for July 10-12, 2009, in Jersey City, New Jersey USA. Our special issue on international social work was scheduled to appear in the fall or winter of 2009, but after speaking to both Robin and Jason, we were able to move up the production of this issue to be available for the attendees of the July conference. Changing the publication date is a clear advantage that online publications have over paper.

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