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Message from the Guest Editors

There are many forms of mental health services across the world and, within these services, mental health social workers carry out a range of functions. The conventional ways of describing the role are now being challenged by new paradigms, for example, in terms of engagement with new social movements and green politics, and the opportunities that social media and technological advances create for policy and practice. Another imperative is to move beyond Eurocentric approaches to mental health social work and to consider how professional ideologies and educational processes can be decolonialised in response to the consequences of the Black Lives Matter movement. We are also interested in contributions that can lead to our understanding and respect of the contribution of First Nations knowledge to social work, including First Nations perspectives. Contributions can be original research, policy analyses and critical commentaries.

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