

Review of: "A Deeper Look at the Origin and Evolution of the Social Work Profession"

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I would like to congratulate the author of the article.

It has been a pleasure for me to read it, and I have learned a lot about the history of Social Work in India.

While agreeing with the thesis put forward in the article that it is possible that much of the historiography focuses on the origins in Britain and the United States, I have a point to make, especially about the conclusions and the orientation of the text.

In my opinion, trying to look for the origin of social work in a single place, be it a country, territory, or cultural tradition, is not correct. Social Work was professionalized between Great Britain and the United States, as we have studied and learned for decades in colleges and universities all over the world. But I believe that the origins of mutual aid, of helping those in need and those of our group, clan, ethnicity, profession, etc., have been present in most societies and throughout history. Human sociability is possibly the first example that we need each other to survive for many years.

I think that changing some ideas of the text, especially in the conclusion, orienting it towards a contribution on other origins of Social Work, in Southeast Asia, specifically in India, would be much more valuable.

To make categorical affirmations that this is the origin of Social Work, I believe that today it contributes little, since there are many examples of helping traditions in very diverse contexts.

Thank you for the opportunity to read the article, and good luck with the publication. I look forward to reading the final result.