Abstract
This paper roughly addresses the sense and meaning given to social research in Social Work, its evolution and its incidence in the discipline development. To end with several reflection permitting to understand the need to make research from more integrating and comprehensive designs, where qualitative and quantitative aspects of social reality are considered. The previous due to the need to make the profession transcend the method discussion, and assume -from its core- the commitment to bring knowledge, by providing a better description and explanation of social problems.

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Social reality, science and technology, social work, social practice, society of knowledge, research, social research.