

CfP BMBF-Symposium: Migration as a challenge for medicine. A comparison of ethical, juridical, and social aspects in Germany, Croatia, and Austria

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In the summer of 2015, a strong migration movement towards Europe set in. This migration trend had different effects on European countries. It created new ethical, legal and societal challenges in the transit and destination countries, especially in the area of medical care.

In the course of the BMBF-Symposium, on the example of three selected European countries – Croatia (transit country), Austria (transit and destination country), and Germany (destination country) – challenges for medical care of migrants under diverse aspects will be considered. These include clinical factors, such as the frequency of certain diseases or healthcare provision for vulnerable patient groups. In addition to the clinical challenges, cultural challenges need to be considered, such as language barrier, which, in many cases, impedes the patient-physician communication. Moreover, there are different cultural views of self-determination. Finally, deficits in diversity management can be detected in the healthcare systems of many European countries.

During the BMBF-Symposium, German, Croatian, and Austrian junior scientists from various disciplines can deal intensively with the topic areas of the symposium. Together with internationally renowned experts, the challenges of migration for medical care will be analyzed. In an interdisciplinary exchange, the country-specific framework conditions are to be discussed and solution offers will be designed.

Participants can submit their contributions in the following topics:

- 1) Ethical questions: How can the different cultural interpretation of patient self-determination be reconciled with the Western individualized model? How can the duty to care for patients be discussed in the context of the principle of just allocation of means in health care? Which diverging values can lead to conflicts in the treatment situation?
- 2) Legal questions: How is access to health care legally regulated in the three countries? What is the relation of legal provisions regarding the medical care of refugees in the three countries to the EU law? How can these provisions be harmonized at the supranational level?

3) Social questions: What are the differences in the social and political debates regarding the medical care of refugees in the three countries? What role do non-governmental and volunteer organizations play in the medical care of refugees and in the social discourse? What concepts and methods are there in the three countries to implement and improve diversity management in the health sector?

These topics should serve as suggestions and first orientation for participants' contributions. Proposals from other areas are welcome.

The BMBF-Symposium is organized by the Institute of the History, Philosophy and Ethics of Medicine of the Ulm University. It is interdisciplinary oriented and addressed to young scientists from the fields of human medicine, the humanities, and social sciences. In thematically specific sections, the participants will have the opportunity to present their own research projects from the areas of interests and to discuss them intensively. The presentations and the discussions during the BMBF-Symposium will be supplemented by lectures from internationally renowned experts in the field. The contributions of the participants of the BMBF-Symposium will be published in a scientific volume.

Interested young researchers are invited to submit a scientific abstract in German or English (up to 500 words) as well as a short academic resumé **until 3. December 2016** in electronic form (PDF) by e-mail to project coordinator Dr. Marcin Orzechowski: **marcin.orzechowski@uni-ulm.de**. For further questions, please contact Dr. Orzechowski. The number of participants is limited to 15. The language of the BMBF-Symposium is German and English. The costs of travel, board and lodging will be covered. In addition, all participants will receive a compensation of 300€ if they contribute a paper to the published volume.