

# Healthcare as a Public Space: Social Integration and Social Diversity in the Context of Access to Healthcare in Europe



## **Call for chapters for an edited book**

**We announce with greatest pleasure the call for chapters for an edited book on the topic:**

### **“Social diversity and access to healthcare for minority groups in the context of hospital and clinical healthcare”**

Healthcare, understood as a medical space, is an excellent example of a public space that models the processes of social integration and social equity. In a general sense, healthcare can connect diverse groups of a society under the common idea of health and illness. However, depending on its organization, it can also influence societal segregation of minority groups.

The project “Healthcare as a Public Space: Social Integration and Social Diversity in the Context of Access to Healthcare in Europe” focuses on diversity in the general social context of healthcare as well as in the specific context of medical institutions. The aim of this project is to generate systematic and in-depth knowledge about how and to what degree the European norms and guidelines concerning diversity are

implemented in national legal regulations in Germany, Slovenia, Croatia, and Poland and how they are realized in clinical practice in these countries.

The scope of the book will focus on the concept of diversity that includes aspects of ethnicity, religion, gender, and sexual orientation in the specific context of healthcare in hospitals and clinical institutions. The goal of the book is to present obstacles but also possibilities for equal access of minorities to the healthcare system. The contributions should focus on ethical, cultural, and normative aspects of integration and exclusion in Europe from the perspective of patients, healthcare professionals (physicians, nurses) and/or healthcare institutions.

Authors in their contributions can focus on the following questions:

- How are issues of social diversity dealt with in internal documents, i.e. guidelines, regulations of healthcare institutions?
- How are these regulations implemented in practice?
- What are the challenges and obstacles to equal access to healthcare in in daily medical practice from the perspectives of patients and healthcare professionals?
- Are there examples of successful programs supporting equal access to healthcare in healthcare institutions?

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

Interested participants are invited to submit their applications consisting of a scientific abstract of the presentation (up to 500 words) as well as a short academic resumé (both in English) until **31<sup>st</sup> July 2021** in electronic form (PDF) by e-mail to the coordinators of the publication, Dr. Marcin Orzechowski ([marcin.orzechowski@uni-ulm.de](mailto:marcin.orzechowski@uni-ulm.de)) and Dr. Marianne Nowak ([marianne.nowak@uni-ulm.de](mailto:marianne.nowak@uni-ulm.de)). For further questions, please contact the coordinators. After review of submitted abstracts by the editors, chosen authors will receive an invitation to provide their manuscripts for the book. The manuscripts are expected to be submitted until **1<sup>st</sup> December 2021**.

Guideline for manuscripts:

- Language of the manuscript: English
- Font: Times New Roman or Arial, 12pt
- Extent: 12 to 15 pages, including an abstract and references
- Specific stylesheet for publication will be provided to the invited authors.

All manuscripts will undergo a peer-review process. The book will be published by Karl Alber Verlag (Freiburg) in the series “Applied ethics – Medicine”.