



Reminder and final call for abstracts

An international and interdisciplinary conference on Health, Culture and the Human Body

Epidemiology, ethics and history of medicine, perspectives from Central Europe and Turkey

Mainz, Germany, 17-19 September 2010

New developments in medicine, preventive and therapeutic interventions are raising novel ethical questions in societies undergoing fast demographic change at home while participating in global interactions through travel and migration. Diverse value-cultures may affect the responses to well-established themes in medicine, giving rise to complex ethical debates and different legal regulations.

This conference will focus on selected cases from Turkey, Germany, and other countries closely connected by substantial migration processes, and previously by medical sciences and clinical practice. These interactions will be analysed jointly from historical, epidemiological, and ethical perspectives, paving the way for the implementation of an interdisciplinary "medicine studies" approach in the field of intercultural and migration medicine.

(See also: www.springer.com/philosophy/philosophy+of+sciences/journal/12376)

The chosen thematic areas are:

- infectious diseases (e.g., plague, leprosy, cholera, tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS)
- the end of life (e.g., patient autonomy vs. family autonomy, advance directives, active and passive euthanasia, palliative care)
- dealing with the human body (e.g., anatomical research, organ donation, biomaterial in international studies)
- migration and medicine

A significant number of high-quality abstracts has already been received, but there are a few slots left. Abstracts (max. 250 words) of proposed conference papers need to be submitted by **31 January 2010**, to the attention of Ilhan Ilklic MD PhD, E-Mail: ilkilic@uni-mainz.de (Institute for History, Philosophy and Ethics of Medicine, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz Medical Centre, Germany, Phone +49-(0)-6131-3937343, Fax +49-(0)-6131-3936682)

Publication of selected papers is envisaged.

Venue: Mainz Academy of Letters and Sciences, Mainz, Germany

Organising institutions:

- Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz Medical Centre (Germany)
- University of Bremen, Bremer Institute for Prevention and Social Medicine (Germany)
- Istanbul University (Turkey)

Invited speaker (preliminary list in alphabetical order):

Seval Akgün (Ankara/TR); Şahin Aksoy (Urfa/TR); Monika Bobbert (Heidelberg/D); Theda Borde (Berlin/D); Rainer Brömer (Mainz/D; Istanbul/TR); Hakan Ertin (Istanbul/TR); Hanzade Doğan (Istanbul/TR); Franz Dumont (Mainz/D); Altan Heper (Stuttgart/D); Ilhan Ilklic (Mainz/D); İrfan İnce (Sakarya/TR); Alexander Krämer (Bielefeld/D); Werner Kümmel (Mainz/D); Hans-Uwe Lammel (Rostock/D); Recep Öztürk (Istanbul/TR); Norbert W. Paul (Mainz/D); Oliver Razum (Bielefeld/D); Nil Sari (Istanbul/TR); Hans-Martin Sass (Washington/USA; Bochum/D); Jacob Spallek (Mainz; Bremen/D); Yener Ünver (Istanbul/TR); Nükhet Varlık (Harrisonburg/USA); Nuran Yıldırım (Istanbul/TR); Hajo Zeeb (Mainz; Bremen/D)

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