

## DATE

March 14-18, 2016  
daily from 9 am – 6 pm (plus public lectures)

## VENUE

Institute for Ethics, History and Theory of Medicine  
Lessingstr. 2, Munich, Germany

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## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

**DEADLINE**  
September 1, 2015

**PARTICIPANTS**  
We invite young scholars (doctoral students, postdocs, junior professors) from all relevant disciplines (e.g. medicine, nursing, ethics, law, sociology, social work, anthropology, psychology, political science, philosophy and others) to submit an abstract on one of the four topics: (1) terminology and knowledge production, (2) access to public health care, (3) allocation of responsibility and (4) value pluralism.

**APPLICATION**  
- Abstract (maximum of 500 words)  
- Curriculum vitae  
- Full publication list

Abstract submissions will be evaluated by reviewers from the fields of medical ethics, sociology, medicine and law. Successful applicants will be asked to submit a manuscript in advance (approx. 5-6 pages) and will be given the opportunity to present their papers at the workshop (20 minutes) followed by discussion (20 minutes).

Expenses for travel, accommodation and meals will be covered. Additionally, each participant receives an honorarium of € 300.

If possible, we will balance the number of participants coming from Germany and the UK.

Submit application via e-mail to:  
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## HEALTH CARE PROVISION FOR MIGRANTS:

Comparing approaches to ethical challenges  
in Germany and the United Kingdom

International Workshop  
March 14-18, 2016  
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Call for Abstracts  
Closing date: September 1, 2015



# HEALTH CARE PROVISION FOR MIGRANTS: COMPARING APPROACHES TO ETHICAL CHALLENGES IN GERMANY AND THE UNITED KINGDOM

An increase in international migration over the last decades has had various consequences for the provision of public health care in European countries. Destination countries face many challenges regarding for example, migration-sensitive research and health care surveillance, access to health care and the inclusion/exclusion of specific migrant groups, communication between health care personnel and patients and shared decision making about medical treatments. These challenges have an ethical dimension because they concern the well-being and self-determination of patients and pose questions of equitable access to and fair distribution of health care resources. Furthermore, they warrant further reflection on medical decision making in cases where divergent cultural and religious backgrounds of patients and physicians create value conflicts. A comparison of different approaches and strategies to these challenges in two countries can deepen our understanding and lead to the development of ethically acceptable solutions to pending problems.

We are organizing an international workshop that will offer an opportunity to analyze and discuss the various approaches to challenges in the public health care provision for migrants. Our workshop will take place in Munich, a lovely city in Bavaria, southern Germany. The workshop addresses the following question: "What are ethically acceptable strategies to deal with challenges in the public health care provision for migrants?" The workshop gives young researchers (doctoral students, postdocs, junior professors) working on these issues in Germany and the United Kingdom the opportunity to present and critically discuss their research with peers from different disciplines. In addition, we have invited distinguished experts in Medical Ethics, Sociology, Political Science, Law and Medicine.

*On behalf of the whole organizing team, I kindly invite you to submit an application for our international workshop in Munich in March 2016!*

Best regards,



Katja Kuehlmeier

THE WORKSHOP WILL FOCUS ON FOUR TOPICS AND IS STRUCTURED NOT BY DISCIPLINES, BUT BY FOUR LEADING QUESTIONS:

## 1. Terminology and knowledge production: How do we talk about migrant health?

*What terms, classifications and categories do we use to capture and describe migration and migrant health in Germany and the United Kingdom? How do these categories influence the perception of the respective groups, as well as the health related research and knowledge production? What do we know about the health care needs and problems of these groups?*

## 2. Access to public health care: Who should be in-/excluded and for what reasons?

*What forms of in- and exclusion can be observed in the United Kingdom and Germany? Which groups cannot access which public health care services and what reasons are given for those decisions? Is it ethically acceptable to limit the access to public health care for certain groups and if yes, on which grounds?*

## 3. Allocation of responsibility: Who should be held responsible for overcoming access barriers to health care?

*Who should develop programs for migrant groups who face access barriers to health care and who should make the necessary financial investment? Who should be held responsible for the implementation of programs to develop intercultural sensitivity in health care institutions?*

## 4. Value pluralism: How to deal with cultural diversity and the search for ethical universals?

*How do health care personnel deal with divergent cultural values when providing health care to migrants? How should we deal with divergent cultural or religious values in complex treatment decisions (e.g. at the end of life)? Should we take a relativistic stance on moral values or are there good reasons to assume that certain values are universally valid?*

## PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

### • COMPARATIVE HEALTH POLICY: A COMPARISON OF THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS OF GERMANY AND THE UK

**Prof. Dr. Viola Burau** (Aarhus University, Denmark)  
Associate Professor in Public Policy at the Department of Political Science

### • CHALLENGES IN THE HEALTH CARE PROVISION FOR MIGRANTS: A COMPARISON BETWEEN THE UK AND GERMANY

**Dr. Hiranthi Jiayaweera** (University of Oxford, UK)  
Senior researcher at the Center on Migration, Policy and Society (COMPAS)

**Prof. Dr. Oliver Razum** (University of Bielefeld, Germany)  
Head of the Department of Epidemiology and International Public Health

**Prof. Dr. Hella von Unger** (LMU Munich, Germany)  
Professor for qualitative research methods at the Institute for Sociology, with special focus on the sociology of health and illness

### • PLURALISM, CULTURE AND RELIGION IN END-OF-LIFE DECISIONS FOR TERMINALLY ILL CHILDREN

**Prof. Dr. Monika Führer** (LMU Munich, Germany)  
Head of the Coordination Center for Pediatric Palliative Care, University Children's Hospital

**Prof. Dr. Richard Huxtable** (University of Bristol, UK)  
Director of the Centre for Ethics in Medicine

**Prof. Dr. Dr. İlhan İlkilic** (Istanbul University, Turkey)  
Associate Professor at the Department of History of Medicine and Ethics  
Member of the German Ethics Council

**Prof. Dr. Georg Marckmann** (LMU Munich, Germany)  
Head of the Institute for Ethics, History and Theory of Medicine

### • THE RELATIONSHIP(S) OF ETHICS RESEARCH AND POLITICS

**Prof. Dr. Alena Buyx** (CAU Kiel, Germany)  
Head of the division of Biomedical Ethics  
Former deputy director of the Nuffield Council on Bioethics