

# Human Rights and Mental Health

International Spring School

April 1-5, 2019

Institute for Medical Ethics and History of Medicine

Ruhr University Bochum

Applications before January 13, 2019

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) has far-reaching consequences for the provision of health care for persons with mental disorders and has stirred up intense debate. This international spring school aims to bring together early career scholars, experts, service users and other stakeholders to critically assess the implementation of the CRPD in the context of health care.

## Subtopics:

- informed consent
- decision-making capacity and competence to consent
- involuntary commitment and involuntary treatment
- mental health law and guardianship law
- reduction of coercion in psychiatry
- advance directives
- supported decision-making
- peer support

## Confirmed speakers:

- **Peter Bartlett**, Professor of Mental Health Law at the University of Nottingham
- **Theresia Degener**, Professor of Law and Disability Studies at the Protestant University for Applied Sciences in Bochum and Chairperson of the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- **Eilionóir Flynn**, Senior Lecturer at the School of Law and Deputy Director of the Centre for Disability Law and Policy at the National University of Ireland Galway
- **Margret Osterfeld**, Member of the UN Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment
- **Martin Zinkler**, Chair of the Department of Psychiatry at Klinikum Heidenheim

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The spring school will take place at the Institute for Medical Ethics and History of Medicine of the Ruhr University Bochum ([www.rub.de/malakow/index.html.en](http://www.rub.de/malakow/index.html.en)).

Participants with a background in medical ethics, law, disability research, peer support, psychiatry, philosophy, psychology or social work preferably from Germany, Ireland and the United Kingdom are invited to present their research at the workshop.

Applicants are asked to send an abstract in English on any of the subtopics (300-400 words) along with a short CV to [humanrightsandmentalhealth@rub.de](mailto:humanrightsandmentalhealth@rub.de).

**Submit your application before January 13, 2019.**

Accepted participants will give a presentation of 25 minutes, followed by a 30-minutes discussion. All participants are invited to prepare a manuscript and to submit it for publication in a special issue.

The conference language is English. Travel expenses and costs for accommodation will be reimbursed. Breakfast, lunch and dinner is included. Participants will receive a remuneration of € 300 for preparing a manuscript that is ready for submission to the special issue.

**Organizers:**

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