



### **ETHICAL ISSUES OF THE SARS-COV-2 OUTBREAK IN EAST-CENTRAL EUROPE AND BEYOND**

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A hundred years after the dramatic societal and demographic consequences of the “Spanish” influenza, humanity is facing a new global public health crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The need to highlight the fundamental bioethical implications generated by the epidemic became essential shortly after medical professionals observed the highly virulent nature of the novel coronavirus. Countries across the globe, regardless of their economic prosperity, had to make serious ethical considerations regarding the rationing of patients for ICU beds or artificial respiration. Furthermore, as we speak, new moral dilemmas arise concerning COVID-19 research projects, vaccine allocation, and vaccination policies.

This call for papers targets those academics and researchers who focus on the ethical challenges of the coronavirus pandemic in the East-Central European Region (Albania, Austria, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia and Ukraine).

**Suitable topics include (but are not limited to) the following:**

- Public health ethics implications of COVID-19
- Ethical challenges of sharing medical information about COVID-19
- Ethical issues of resource allocation among COVID infected people
- Moral concerns of clinical research during the pandemic
- Ethical issues concerning immunization (vaccine allocation and policies)
- Concepts of moral justice with regard to the coronavirus

### **HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR PAPER**

- **Short abstract submission (500 words): May 1st, 2021**  
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- **Notification of abstract acceptance: mid May 2021**
- **Full paper submission: September 1st, 2021**

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