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Call for Papers

Training in Culture and Migration Mental Health

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More than 68 million people are currently displaced from their homes. Over the coming decades, the number of migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers will continue to rise. Worldwide, health care systems have to be prepared for this very heterogeneous population, with their different biographies, trajectories, exposures to stress and sources of resilience. Concepts of health and disease as well as expectations about treatment depend on cultural background, traditional values, personal experiences and social worlds—all of which are in a constant state of flux. To be able to respond to the mental health needs of culturally diverse populations health professionals need sufficient knowledge and competencies. Training, whether at undergraduate level, postgraduate level, further education, or continuing professional development, must include teaching on the factors influencing the clinical assessment and treatment of culturally and socially diverse populations.

In collaboration with the World Psychiatric Association, Transcultural Section (WPA-TPS), *Transcultural Psychiatry* plans to publish a Special Issue on the topic “Training in culture and migration mental health.” The aim is to draw attention to the importance of education and training in cultural psychiatry and psychotherapy to increase the capacity of professionals and mental health care systems to respond to the needs of culturally diverse populations, including refugees, asylum seekers, ethnic minorities and undocumented migrants. We invite original manuscripts on research related to training and education in the field of culture and migration mental health. Suggested topics include reports of innovative approaches to training and education in cultural psychiatry, mental health care for asylum seekers and refugees, consequences of severe trauma and human rights violations, intercultural communication, social determinants of health in culturally diverse population; evaluations of treatment guidelines, formulations of practitioner competencies, and advocacy.

These topics are of ongoing interest to the journal but to be considered for the thematic issue, please submit the manuscript by August 31, 2019.

The Special Issue will be co-edited by the World Psychiatric Association, Transcultural Psychiatric Section (WPA-TPS).