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Issue 2/2020 of the Journal of Intercultural Management and Ethics brings together articles that address various issues faced by the contemporary world, analyzed through the prism of multiculturalism and bioethics.

This rich issue starts with 4 articles analyzing the cultural context of the Covid 19 pandemic. Two describe the specific way culture is shaping the policies of different cultures like India and Denmark in coping with the virus. One is focusing on the credibility and role of experts. One is looking at the evolutionary background. What these articles have in common is that they use the conceptional frameworks of Hofstede and Wursten, one of the co-editors of this issue.

The following articles address various issues at the interface between medicine, ethics and culture, which may also find their applicability in the conditions of the Coronavirus pandemic which must be managed nationally and internationally within the universally accepted framework of bioethics.

Adina Karner-Huțuleac reviews the literature demonstrating that forgiveness positively influences a person's physical and mental health, while un-forgiveness is likely to produce negative emotions and, implicitly, adverse influences on the state of health, this scientific evidence being relevant both from an individual perspective and from the perspective of public health interventions.

Tudor Rotaru aims to analyze whether Plato's Dialogues remain relevant in contemporary medicine. In his work, based on the literature, the author shows that the writings of this ancient philosopher are still relevant and useful by promoting the holistic approach of the patient and the clarifications he brings about autonomy.

Luiza Palamaru and collaborators discuss confidentiality, an essential value of the doctor-patient relationship, placing the discussion between patient's preferences and collective risk. The authors particularize the issues addressed in a clinical case and conclude that respect for confidentiality may be breached for the public interest to prevent serious dangers.

In the next two articles, the authors address the issue of burnout syndrome in medical professionals. Ana-Roxana Gănceanu-Rusu and her collaborators particularize the discussion in the field of palliative care, and Silviu Morar and Lilioara-Alexandra Muja refer to the field of forensic medicine.

Elena Toader focuses on the migration of doctors, a satellite phenomenon of the contemporary globalization and on how doctors can respect their own values and also the values of people with different cultural backgrounds with whom they may interact.

Mircea Buta offers a perspective of Christian bioethics on the augmentation of the human being placing the discussion in the context of people's old dream as starting from *homo sapiens* to create the so-called *homo extensis* and emphasizes the nuances of interpretation and analysis that exist between the desire for physical and spiritual human augmentation.

Mihail Adeodatus Ungureanu and Beatrice Gabriela Ioan remain in the same register of technology in the service of people and refer to the psychological and social consequences associated with human infertility and in vitro fertilization, arguing the need for adequate counseling to reduce their impact on the well-being of the people concerned.

Cristin Coman and S. Moroşan analyze the general principles of the ethical evaluation of projects that use animals for scientific purposes, with reference to the European Directive 63/2010, focusing on the normative elements likely to strengthen and refine the protection that people must provide for these animals.

Elena Gologan and Oana Timofte conclude this issue of the Journal of Intercultural Management and Ethics with an article showing the need for a university code of ethics to regulate the relationships between students and their professors, as well as the need for the provisions of this code to be respected for the proper functioning of an academic community.