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EDITORIAL

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I am honoured to present you the twenty-first issue of the Journal of Intercultural Management and Ethics (JIME).

The current issue includes interesting papers from various fields portraying the diversity of the research community and the cross-disciplinary approach of this journal. The main field of the papers in this issue is ethics.

Sergiu Bortoş and Adrian Hagiş explore the application of ethics in preventing and combating fake news by proposing a so-called ethical way, which can be understood as a set of standards and principles by which different agents act and make decisions so that they are morally right and just. By promoting a set of ethical solutions, the authors also discuss the implications of their study, which can be foreseen among the actions that can contribute to the prevention of the fake news phenomenon and to the creation of a cultural and public climate that encourages truth and accuracy.

Simona Mihaşiu, Oana - Diana Mocan and Corina Lupău reveal that transhumanism, as a philosophical movement with ancient origins in the Renaissance period, promotes respect for reason and science and the application of scientific and technical conquests for the benefit of man, principles which are not fundamentally different from those of humanism. The authors looked at what the current practical applications are in an oncology service and where we foresee transhumanism (H+) fitting in the future. The conclusions are pro-progress, but also fatalistic. The usefulness and applicability of the new breakthroughs are useful: what doctor wouldn't want his patients to be cured? It's just that each of us is unique, or this divine uniqueness cannot be taught, especially when it comes to the empathy that the doctor displays towards the patients.

Loredana- Florentina Bozariu examines the transition of children and young people who come from the private protection system to independent living, both from a theoretical and practical perspective. The results of her micro-research demonstrate that young people and children who are part of the private protection system acquire independent living skills during institutionalization, but they will experience a smoother transition to self-sufficiency if they have a less challenging family background.

Laura-Corina Roşca aims to explain how the categories of space and time, notions that emphasize the major role played by perception in shaping contemporary fiction, have been given a new dimension in British writer Esther Freud's novel *I Couldn't Love You More* (2021). The author starts from the premise that literature and art reshape cultural identities and portray the way they might have been impacted by various historical events. One of the ideas explored in the novel is the spiritual anxiety of individuals who find themselves trapped in an ambiguous reality, trying to discern the fundamental aspects of human existence in an atmosphere which enhances emotional tension.

Joseph Omoloba, Christophe Estay and Oluwafemi Philip Adeosun review the primary considerations in answering the controversial questions about the Informal Sector. The informal sector is a significant part of the Nigerian economy and provides goods and services to millions of Nigerians. It is also a vital source of employment, especially for those who cannot secure work in the formal sector. The objective of their study is to examine the characteristics of the informal entrepreneurs, reasons for operating informally, and entrepreneurial strengths of the informal economy.

Hershey Friedman and James Lynch show that hypermaterialism and overconsumption harm the environment and present serious ethical problems. Their paper examines how Jewish scholarship encourages one to live a life of voluntary simplicity and avoid ostentation. Judaism addresses four moral dangers associated with living a lavish, luxuriant lifestyle: (1) arousing the envy of others, (2) causing others to be ashamed of their lack of means, (3) producing feelings of arrogance and conceit, and (4) compelling one to become dishonest in order to maintain said extravagant lifestyle. The viewpoint of Buddhism regarding simplicity is also discussed in their paper.

Walter Block asserts that Fegley and Dominiak (2021) do not have a theory of gun rights, but they are adamant that the positions put forth by Block and Block (2000), and Rothbard (1998), are incorrect. His paper is an attempt to defend the perspectives put forth on this important issue by the latter two publications, and to repudiate the criticisms of them articulated by the former.

Elena Gologan, Andrei Nicolae Gologan and Oana Timofte show that Nowadays, medicine can no longer be practiced only as a vocation, the only tool used being the stethoscope, but tends towards systematization, being increasingly subject to the rigors imposed by the need for evidence as diagnostic and therapeutic work tools. The technological explosion (currently invading the medical space) imposes a rapid and continuous revision of the medical practice and changes the relationship between the medical staff and the patient.

Aurelian Virgil Baluță reviews and recommends an interesting book on a challenging theme: the ethics of the political evolution of peoples

I am confident that you will value the articles in this issue of the Journal.

Finally yet importantly, I would like to express my gratitude to all the colleagues who contributed to this issue, either as authors or as reviewers.