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EDITORIAL

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I am honoured to present you the twenty-fourth issue of the Journal of Intercultural Management and Ethics (JIME) marking the end of the sixth year of JIME.

The issues of the sixth year presented outstanding articles from various areas of science having in common the nexus between culture and ethics in different socio-economic domains. These issues emphasized the cross-disciplinary vocation of the journal and the positioning towards the cross-cultural areas of society and to the ethical dilemmas.

The current issue includes interesting papers from various fields and from various countries, portraying the diversity of the research community and the cross-disciplinary approach of this journal.

Amna Ben Amara shows that War metaphors have been at the apex of political speeches. The effectiveness of these metaphors is mainly emanated from their emotional undertone which can influence and even direct action. However, the context in which these metaphors are communicated is highly important, as it may lead to positive as well as negative effects, depending on the situation.

Walter Block reveals that problematic doctrines such as Critical Race Theory (CRT), Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI), Economic and Cultural Marxism, etc., have now taken over virtually all U.S. universities. His paper rejects initiatives such as banning their discussion, ending academic tenure, and reliance on doctrines espousing academic freedom. In their stead, affirmative action for academics professing alternative perspectives is recommended.

Hershey Friedman and Deborah Kleiner emphasizes that we live in the age of post-truth and arrogance, where lying has become so acceptable that we have numerous euphemisms for deceit. A major threat to the success of a society or organization is the feeling of certainty. People overestimate how much they actually know. Their paper examines the dangers of certainty. People with too much confidence in their opinions may have mental flaws that can be dangerous. Moreover, much of the research in areas such as medicine and management cannot be replicated and turns out to be untrue.

Georgiana Corcaci's article delves into the fundamental concepts of a growth mindset and a stagnation mindset, exploring their implications across various aspects of personal and professional development. The dichotomy between these mentalities profoundly influences individuals' attitudes toward challenges, learning, and success. By scrutinizing real-world examples and incorporating insights from psychological studies, her work seeks to provide a comprehensive understanding of the dynamics between a growth mindset and a stagnation mindset.

Mircea Gelu Buta underlines that the medicalization of risk, which has become an idol for some, misleads contemporary society about the true purpose of life and the capabilities of medicine to provide health and eternal life. Preventive medicine provides countless strategies to medicalize risk, that is, to treat the risk of possible illness and death as a medical problem requiring medical solutions. Pharmaceuticals have become a powerful force in modern culture being consumed to alleviate human suffering, modify vulnerabilities, and reduce the risk of future morbid events. The author shows that the church did not argue whether drugs were intrinsically bad or sinful, but they considered it a problem when a real good is turned into an idol.

Bogdan Mălinescu shows that the new Romanian legislation regarding some measures of protection for people with intellectual and psychosocial disabilities was aimed at combating social exclusion and discrimination, and encouraging the active participation of these categories of people in civil and socioeconomic life. This is not only a benefit, but also a fundamental change in the provision of medical evidence, essential for courts in the establishment of a specific measure of protection for a specific individual with intellectual or psychosocial disabilities, which entails discussions of pros and cons. His paper proposes a review of the problems raised when analyzing the cases in which the application of protective measures for people with intellectual and psychosocial disabilities is requested, starting from the old legal regulations of "putting under interdiction" and continuing with the current regulation regarding the establishment of "judicial counseling" and "special tutelage".

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 journal, either as authors or as reviewers, and to wish you all a great 2024!