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“Taming the European Leviathan: The Legacy of Post-War Medicine and the Common Good”

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and the seminar “The European Leviathan – Medical Anthropology”

**INVITATION**

**SEMINAR 24** (in Bulgarian):

**DR. VERONIKA DIMITROVA**

**THE STIGMA ON MENTAL DISORDERS IN BULGARIA**

**25 April 2024**

**14.00 – 16.00, hall 204, “Moskovska” street 6A**

**Annotation:** The classic concept of stigma in the social sciences has been used to analyze the exclusion and rejection of people with mental disorders in Bulgaria. The report traces both basic theories, varieties and aspects of stigma, as well as the very concept of stigma adapted and refined to mental disorders – how and by what means mental disorders become stigmatizing. The first part of the report presents the data from a nationally representative survey of public attitudes towards



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people with mental disorders in Bulgaria, which captures the main patterns of stigma in public perceptions. The second part presents the "moral careers", the ways of adaptation to the disease and its experience in the biographies of people with severe and common mental disorders. Models of adaptation, displacement and rejection of mental disorders, biographical moments and markers that predetermine the models of adaptation, as well as social conditions for individual models of adaptation – the role of the family, age, social status, etc. have been identified.



Source: "Critique and Humanism" Journal, Veselin Pramatarov (painter).

### **Link for online participation:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84772522517?pwd=cDQ0ZE9MaWxnRFRrK2ZXaWZMUGdwdz09>

Meeting ID: 847 7252 2517

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<https://leviathan-europe.eu/>

<https://medicalanthropologybg.com/>