



Cultural mediation in networks of collaborating organizations

Babel Day Centre (www.babedc.gr) is inviting you to a **training on cultural mediation** to be held in **Athens** on **May 27th, 2022, 09:00-11:00**.

Objective

The objective of the training is to explore the existence of similar paths of communication between different organizations which are working within the same network of services, designed to support migrant people suffering from mental illness.

The training also represents an ethnomethodological experiment aiming at answering the questions: do the organizations supporting migrant people suffering from mental illness use a common or a complementary set of categories in their daily work? Are these services collaborating or overlapping?

The training/experiment aims at providing the participants with new insights on their everyday work. It is also part of a wider comparative research on Hospitality, Migration and Mental Health, conducted by Giovanni Matera, PhD, postdoctoral fellow at Harvard University – Weatherhead Center for International Affairs.

Participants

Although there is no limit in the number of participants, they are expected to be between 20 and 30, and to be mainly working as social and healthcare workers. Participants are expected to be professionals from organizations involved in psychosocial support and supported housing, as well as from local institutions, as public social and healthcare services.

Duration

The training will last 120 minutes (Welcome and introductions: 20', presentation: 20', teamwork: 60', short conclusion: 10 minutes)

Site

The training will take place in a wide meeting room or hall (TBD) where it will be possible to have small groups of two working at separate tables. All Covid-19 related measures will be respected. Participants need to show a full-vaccine certificate.

Language

The training will be held in **English**.

Methodology

The participants will be divided in groups of two, maximum three people. The groups will be as much homogeneous as possible, and representative of different organizations involved in the support of migrant people suffering from mental illness (as many as possible).

After having received a deck of 30 cards corresponding to 30 invented profiles of migrant people suffering from mental illness, featuring a mix of data about personal information and symptoms, the groups will be asked to create categories in which at least two fictional migrant persons can fit. They will be also asked to choose the most representative card for each category.

The aim of the training/experiment is to observe the relationship between the categorization procedures and the different affiliation of each group.

Trainer

The training will be facilitated by **Giovanni Matera**, PhD, Raphael Morrison Dorman Memorial Postdoctoral Fellow / Weatherhead Center for International Affairs at Harvard University, USA (<https://wcfia.harvard.edu/people/giovanni-matera>).

Certificate

A certificate of attendance will be issued by Babel Day Centre to all participants.

Informed consent

Participants will have to formally accept to share personal data, as their profession, sex, age, to the extent this information will be used, after anonymization, for the analysis of the results. The results of the experiment will be shared with the participants as soon as possible. As part of a comparative research involving different countries, the results will be also used to produce scientific articles aiming at benefitting the wider European community of social and healthcare workers.

How to show your interest to participate

Professionals wishing to participate in the training are kindly requested to fill, **until May 16th**, the form which can be accessed at the link below:

<https://forms.gle/Ci7HDMp6wAzXo6uD6>

Further information

For any question, please contact Giovanni Matera at gmatera@fas.harvard.edu