



## SEMINAR NOTICE

### **Ethics, Medical Research, and Vulnerable Groups – A Perspective on Equality, Inclusion, and Diversity**

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This lecture by Prof. Dr. Semira Galijašević explores the historical and ethical dimensions of medical research involving vulnerable populations through the lens of equality, inclusion, and diversity. It examines key cases of unethical experimentation, including the Nuremberg Trials, the Tuskegee Syphilis Study, and chemical experiments based on race, highlighting systemic inequalities in medical research and healthcare.

The lecture underscores the need for inclusive and equitable research practices by analyzing the exploitation of marginalized communities, such as racial minorities, prisoners, and the economically disadvantaged, who were often denied autonomy over their own bodies. The discussion extends to the ethical dilemmas surrounding the use of HeLa cells, experiments conducted without informed consent, and the exportation of unethical research practices to low- and middle-income countries ("ethics dumping"), which continues to reinforce global disparities in medical ethics and healthcare access.

By reviewing ethical frameworks such as the Nuremberg Code, the Declaration of Helsinki, and the CIOMS guidelines, this presentation emphasizes the importance of diverse representation in clinical trials, ethical oversight, and equitable access to the benefits of scientific advancements. It advocates for a shift towards a research model that prioritizes justice, respects human dignity, and ensures that vulnerable populations are not only protected from exploitation but also actively included in shaping ethical medical practices.

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