

# Editorial

## Our voice – challenging situations and the needs of those who experience them from their perspective

Carol Gilligan's book *In a Different Voice* has materialised and highlighted in print the experience of women and girls in the field of moral development, raising their voices alongside a theory of morality built on male experience. In the present issue, I wanted to enable the same. That is to say, to leave space for writers who would let the voices of those who experience various difficult situations, who face the experience of exclusion from the majority society, or who experience misunderstanding from their surroundings, speak in their texts, metaphorically and practically speaking. The thematic texts approach the perspectives of people with different experiences of challenging situations from different angles.

In 'Religion, Migration, and Political Economy in the USA: from Open-doors to Raids over Sanctuaries for Dreamers', Antonio Sánchez-Bayón and Jesús J. Sánchez-Narricarte reflect on the broader contexts of the forms of acceptance or rejection of people who have had to flee their country of origin for various reasons. They point out, among other things, the possible influence of specific forms of communication on the topic of migration, as well as the possible fundamental influence of religious movements – in the case of the article 'Sanctuary Movement'. The influence is also reflected by the authors in the context of broader political and social aspects. The authors Veronika Kudrličková, Jitka Vacková, Radka Prokešová, and Klaudie Němečková also address the broader aspects of amplifying the voices of those in difficult life situations. They focus on the culture of those organisations that are supposed to help people in difficult situations. In the article 'Culture of Organisations Providing Social Services', they present the results of research using a mixed strategy with an emphasis, or prioritisation, of the quantitative part. Both the quantitative and qualitative parts show that the culture in the organisations studied is perceived as positive, with no major conflicts. Petr Macek and Tereza Lásková conducted semi-structured interviews with 15 professionals, focusing on the ritual of the last farewell as seen by the accompanying persons. They present the accompanying person as one 'who feels a connection with' a particular person in his/her particular situation. This is the case even if it is a professional helping activity. In the article 'Rituals of the Last Farewell in Contemporary Czech Society' they present a view of rituals both in terms of their conception and in terms of the connection of rituals to liminality and spirituality. The importance of spirituality is manifested not only, for example, in the relationship to death, but also in the choice of ritual site.

Silvie Ročovská introduces the reader to an analysis of already published scientific papers that focus on children whose parents have been diagnosed with mental illness. The present text, entitled 'The Impact of a Parent's Mental Illness on a Child's Life', is conceived as a theoretical essay and presents various themes identified in the analysed sources. It focuses on both risk and protective factors, as well as on specific difficulties experienced by children (both on an emotional and on a social level, for example). From the article 'Christian Ethics and Nigerian Politics: a Reflection

on Philippians 2:3-4' by Michael Oyebowale Oyetade and Esther Adeola Femi-Olubi, readers will have a basic overview of the issues involved. The last thematic article focuses attention on the interpretation of Philippians 2:3-4 in the specific context of Christian ethics and Normative Political Theory as applied in Nigeria. In their text, they use both analysis of local periodicals and analysis of the aforementioned section of the Bible. They emphasise that it is selfishness and arrogance that can render Christianity irrelevant if they are manifested in the activities of those who profess to be Christians.

In addition to the thematic articles, you can then find in this issue two articles marked as varia, a review and an interview. Pavel Moravec and Lucia Lacková in the article 'Responsibility and Challenge: Psychological Analysis of Covid-19 Information in a Journal of the Czech Christian Academy' examine the ways in which information about Covid-19 is presented in the Christian press (specifically the *Universum* magazine). The authors describe the identified themes (e.g., challenges and opportunities, or the search for the spiritual dimension of the crisis) and compare them with the information about Covid-19 in the more fundamentalist periodical *Regina*. In the article 'Reflection and Self-Reflection in Qualification Education in Social Work as a Way to a Harmonious Personality of the Worker', the authors Zdeňka Dohnalová and Mirka Nečasová turn their attention to the area of reflexivity, or self-reflection. On the basis of the diaries of students of higher education institutions, which were not originally created for the purpose of their research analysis, they present two case studies (Alžběta and Bára). Ján Mišovič's review of *Moral Blindness* examines both what influences the providers of ideals, but also the reasons for fear, or the so-called consumer universities. Last but not least, you can devote your time to reading this issue through an interview with Dr Ondřej Doskočil. The interview touches on both the needs of the patients who contact him and the possibilities of so-called speaking for patients in relation to the hospital.

On behalf of the entire staff of the journal, we wish you pleasant reading,

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