Brněnská laboratoř meziskupinových procesů a Interkulturní sekce ČMPS zvou na přednášku **The Challenges of Diversity in Education and Healthcare**

How can we tackle discrimination and promote the health of stigmatised groups?

Diversity is often heatedly debated among scientists, politicians and the public. It brings opportunities (e.g. cross-group friendships) but also challenges, such as initial culture shock or persistent discrimination, leading to poor intergroup relations and health inequities. This talk focuses on how society deals with social and cultural diversity in two contexts, education and healthcare. Based on Prof Birtel's findings, it emphasizes that greater culture-sensitive understanding is important to promote positive intergroup relations and improve the health of people from minority backgrounds.

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relations between people from diverse backgrounds and thereby inequities in society as well as in health, across the lifespan and in different cultures.