

## INFORMATION

### SELF-BINDING DIRECTIVES

Self-binding directives (or Ulysses contracts) are a special type of psychiatric advance directive by means of which mental health service users can give advance consent to compulsory hospital admission or treatment during a future mental health crisis.

There is an ongoing philosophical debate over the ethical opportunities and risks of self-binding directives. This conference focuses on the attitudes of stakeholders (notably service users, informal caregivers and professionals) toward self-binding directives, with a focus on Germany, The Netherlands and the United Kingdom.

New qualitative empirical evidence will be presented and discussed from an international perspective.

## REGISTRATION

Participation in the online symposium is free of charge.

To register, please send an email to Fee Roth until September 21:

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A Zoom link will be sent to you via email one week prior to the event.

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## SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

- 10 a.m. CEST  
Welcome  
Jakov Gather and Matthé Scholten (Bochum)
- 10.15 a.m.  
Self-binding directives in the Netherlands  
Laura van Melle and Lia van der Ham (Amsterdam)
- 10.35 a.m.  
Commentary by peer expert, PhD or postdoc
- 10.45 a.m.  
Discussion
- 11.15 a.m.  
Break
- 11.30 a.m.  
Self-binding directives in the United Kingdom  
Lucy Stephenson and Tania Gergel (London)
- 11.50 a.m.  
Commentary by peer expert, PhD or postdoc
- 12.00 p.m.  
Discussion
- 12.30 p.m.  
Lunch break
- 1.00 p.m.  
Self-binding directives in Germany  
Marleen Finke and Mirjam Faissner (Bochum)
- 1.20 p.m.  
Commentary by peer expert, PhD or postdoc
- 1.30 p.m.  
Discussion
- 2.00 p.m.  
Roundtable discussion: international perspectives  
Astrid Vellinga (Amsterdam), George Szmukler (London), Jochen Vollmann (Bochum) and Tania Gergel (London)
- 2.45 p.m.  
Goodbye  
Matthé Scholten (Bochum)

## SPEAKERS

- Jakov Gather, MD, MA, Department of Psychiatry, Psychotherapy and Preventive Medicine, LWL University Hospital, Ruhr University Bochum
- Tania Gergel, PhD, King's College London
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- Marleen Finke, Institute for Medical Ethics and History of Medicine, Ruhr University Bochum
- Lia van der Ham, PhD, Amsterdam University Medical Centre
- Laura van Melle, PhD, Amsterdam University Medical Centre
- Matthé Scholten, PhD, Institute for Medical Ethics and History of Medicine, Ruhr University Bochum
- Lucy Stephenson, King's College London
- Prof. George Szmukler, King's College London
- Astrid Vellinga, PhD, Mentrum/Arkin Amsterdam
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