

Special Issue

Concerns, Contradictions and Reality of Mental Health Law

Message from the Guest Editor

This Special Issue focuses on the concerns, contradictions and reality of mental health law, including the relationship between the CRPD and mental health law. What are the key concerns facing mental health law? How do these relate to mental health and criminal justice systems? Are there irresolvable contradictions? Are there basic issues that have been overlooked in past debates? How does mental health law and mental health law reform play in the practical context? How does mental health law relate to human rights? What is the way forward?

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