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in the framework of the ERC Synergy Grant Project “Taming the European Leviathan: The
Legacy of Post-War Medicine and the Common Good”

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and the seminar “The European Leviathan – Medical Anthropology”

INVITATION

SEMINAR 14 (in Bulgarian):

PROF. DR. DANIELA KOLEVA

ASSOC. PROF. DR. SCI. STOYAN STAVRU

**“WE CANNOT TRAVEL ABROAD, BUT AT LEAST OUR BODY ORGANS CAN”:
PITUITARY GLAND EXPORT FROM BULGARIA, 1980S**

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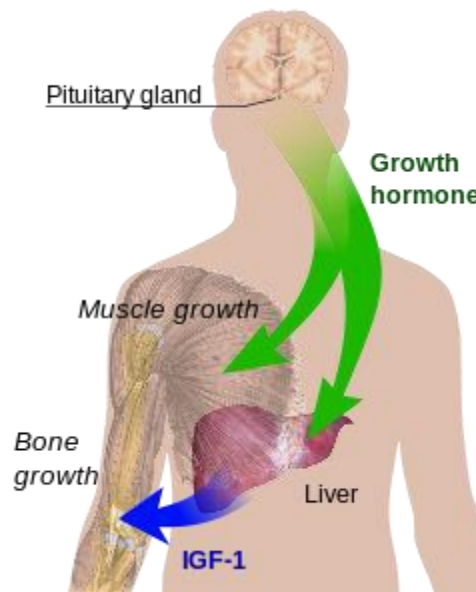
14.00–16.00, hall 204, “Moskovska” street 6A

Annotation: In the course of the 1980s, the National Institute for Endocrinology, Gerontology and Geriatrics at the Medical Academy in Sofia was involved in an unusual exchange: export of pituitary glands extracted from human cadavers during routine autopsies in Bulgarian hospitals.



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Part of the revenue in hard currency was spent on equipment and consumables for the research and therapeutic activities of the institute. Daniela Koleva will discuss this case in the international context of the medical and pharmaceutical R&D of the time. Stoyan Stavru will comment on this and other similar cases in a legal and bioethical perspective.



Link for online participation:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84718482027?pwd=ZmZUeVhQZGtJUeRxeGtaMHo2UGtmZz09>

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<https://leviathan-europe.eu/>

<https://medicalanthropologybg.com/>