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**SYMPOSIUMS:  
SOCIAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS OF SOCIALLY DEPRIVED**

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## ABSTRACT

Social deprivation is the reduction or prevention of culturally normal interaction between an individual and the rest of society. Social deprivation may be the outcome of a combination of many different factors such as ethnicity, unemployment, poor education and skills, low incomes, poor housing, social exclusion, crime, and family breakdown. The human right against social deprivation can be fleshed out both as a social and economic right and as a civil and political right. As I show below, current debates about social and economic human rights emphasize vital, economically driven needs for food, shelter, health care, and basic education while ignoring equally fundamental needs for socialization, interpersonal caring, and meaningful associations. This gives a distorted picture of social and economic human rights and allows the provision of economic needs to be promoted without due attention to the social needs that accompany them. Similarly, debates about civil and political human rights have focused on the rights against torture and cruel, inhumane, or degrading treatment while giving little or no attention to the intersection between these things and (coercive) social isolation.

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