

Preface

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The current issue of the Ars Vivendi journal includes two papers.

The article by Majid Turmusani contributes to this volume by discussing the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) in terms of disability rights ("Leprosy Narratives and Disability Studies: A Rights Perspective"). It examines segregation practices and how they contributed to the exclusion of people affected by leprosy from society.

Huang's paper analyzes the process of "*zhiweibing*", focusing on the physical sensations and experiences of individuals, which are often overlooked in Qigong research ("Qigong in contemporary China as an example"). Huang proposes that the Qigong way of *zhiweibing* involves observing/perceiving *weibing* (prior to disease), constructing *weibing*, and finally achieving *zhiweibing* through personal feelings and experiences.