

7th Swiss Symposium on Refugee and Migrant Health



Gender, Diversity and Health Equity

12.09.2025

09:00am – 15:00pm

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**Migration & Refugee
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Das 7te «Swiss Symposium on Refugee and Migrant Health» findet am 12. September 2025 am Inselspital, Universitätsspital Bern statt.

Das diesjährige Symposium widmet sich dem Thema: Geschlecht, Diversität und gesundheitliche Chancengleichheit im Migrationskontext. Expert:innen präsentieren aktuelle Forschungsergebnisse und Praxisansätze zu reproduktiver Gesundheit in Krisenregionen, zu den Schnittstellen zwischen sexueller und psychischer Gesundheit von Migrant:innen sowie zu den Auswirkungen von Alter, Geschlecht und Migrationshintergrund auf die Gesundheit im späteren Lebensalter. Zudem wird die reproduktive Selbstbestimmung von Geflüchteten beleuchtet.

Erstmals besteht für Teilnehmende des Symposiums die Möglichkeit, ein Abstract einzureichen und ihre Studien, Projekte oder Interventionen im Bereich Migration und Gesundheit in einer Kurzpräsentation vorzustellen. Dies bietet eine einzigartige Gelegenheit zum Austausch mit Expert:innen und Kolleg:innen, zur Feedback-Gewinnung und Diskussion neuer Ideen.

Somit bietet das Symposium auch in diesem Jahr wieder die Gelegenheit sein Wissen und Fähigkeiten zu erweitern und neue Kenntnisse im Bereich Migration und Gesundheit zu gewinnen. Neben dem Austausch mit Experten und Gleichgesinnten wird es auch wieder die Möglichkeit geben, in unserem Foyer direkt mit verschiedenen Organisationen in Kontakt zu treten.

Wir freuen uns auf Sie!

The 7th Swiss Symposium on Refugee and Migrant Health will take place on September 12th 2025 at the Inselspital, University Hospital Bern.

This year's symposium is dedicated to the theme: Gender, Diversity, and Health Equity in the Migration Context. Experts will present current research findings and practical approaches related to reproductive health in crisis regions, the intersections between sexual and mental health among migrants, as well as the impact of age, gender, and migration background on health in later life. Additionally, the reproductive autonomy of refugees will be addressed.

For the first time, symposium participants have the opportunity to submit an abstract and present their studies, projects, or interventions in the field of migration and health through a short presentation. This offers a unique opportunity to engage with experts and colleagues, receive feedback, and discuss new ideas.

Thus, this year's symposium will again provide an opportunity to expand one's knowledge and clinical skills and gain new insights in the field of migration and health. Besides the exchange with experts and peers there will be again the possibility to get in direct contact with different organizations in our foyer.

We are looking forward to seeing you!

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Friday 12th September - 7th Swiss Symposium on Refugee and Migrant Health

09:00-09:15	Opening <i>Aristomenis Exadaktylos, Karsten Klingberg, Anne Jachmann</i>
09:15-09:30	Reproductive Health in Compounded Crises: Insights from Kakuma & Kalobeyei Refugee Camps <i>Bhavya Joshi</i>
09:30-10:00	Short presentations of research projects and interventions on the theme: international
10:00-10:30	Short presentations of research projects and interventions on the theme: in Switzerland
10:30-10:40	Voting & Announcement of 'Best Presentation' Award
10:40-11:00	Coffee Break: Networking with Peers & Experts
11:00-11:45	The role of men in addressing maternal and sexual health concerns <i>Ndola Prata</i>
11:45-12:30	Studies on the intersection between the sexual and mental health of migrants in Sweden <i>Mariano Salazar Torres</i>
12:30-13:00	Coffee Break: Networking with Peers & Experts
13:00-13:45	Intersecting identities: how age, gender, and migration background shape health in later life <i>Silvia Loi</i>
13:45-14:30	Having children is like rain, as they say in our region': exploring refugees' reproductive agency <i>Marianne Cense & Sell Teclemariam</i>
14:30-15:00	Open round discussion

SPEAKERS

Prof. Ndola Prata

Fred H. Bixby, Jr. Endowed Chair and Faculty Director, Bixby Center for Population, Health and Sustainability, School of Public Health, University of California, Berkeley; Co-Director, University of California Global Health Institute (UCGHI)

Ass. Prof. Mariano Salazar Torres

Global and Sexual Health research group, Department of Global Public Health, Karolinska Institutet, Sweden

Dr. Marianne Cense

Senior researcher at Rutgers, Dutch expert centre on reproductive and sexual health and rights, Utrecht, Netherlands

Sell Teclemariam

Peer researcher at Rutgers, Dutch expert centre on reproductive and sexual health and rights, Utrecht, Netherlands; intercultural mediator and residential supervisor for unaccompanied minors

Dr. Silvia Loi

Head of the ERC funded Research Group on Migration and Health Inequalities, Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Rostock, Germany; Deputy Director of the Max Planck – University of Helsinki Center for Social Inequalities in Population Health

Bhavya Joshi

DrPH(c) and Fellow at the Bixby Center for Population, Health and Sustainability, School of Public Health, University of California, Berkeley

Submission of Abstracts

The Symposium offers a unique opportunity for participants to connect, exchange knowledge and experiences, and engage in in-depth discussions on migration and health with experts and peers. We welcome contributions that present ongoing or completed projects / provision of services from various parts of the world, offering insights into practical approaches, lessons learned, and examples of best practice. The best presentation as voted by the audience will win an award.

Abstracts are invited for oral presentations in the following categories:

- Research
- Policy and Practice
- Education

Closing date for submissions: Thursday, 31st July 2025 (23:59 Swiss time)

Notification of decision to authors: Mid of August 2025

- All abstracts must be written and presented in English.
- The abstract must be a maximum of 250 words, structured in: Background, Methods, Results, Conclusion. It should further indicate the chosen category and topic.
- Abstracts must not include figures, tables, photos, illustrations or references.

Submitters should select the most relevant topic from the list below:

- 1.Climate Change and Displacement
- 2.Determinants of Health
- 3.Diseases & Interventions
- 4.Health Status and Outcomes
- 5.Health Services & Providers
- 6.Parents & Children
- 7.Research Methods
- 8.Exclusion, Discrimination & Exploitation
- 9.Health Policy
10. Mental Health & Wellbeing
- 11.Sexual and Reproductive Health and Family Planning
12. Refugees & Asylum Seekers

please follow the complete submission guidelines at: <https://migration-health.com/events/>

submissions must be sent to: info@migration-health.com

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ANMELDUNG



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Anmeldeschluss: 10. September 2025

On-site registration possible on September 12th, 2025

There will be a small fee as contribution to expenses:

CHF 35 for the whole day

Students will be free of charge upon presentation of a certificate of enrollment or a valid student ID

Studenten:innen bitte separat per Mail an smrh@insel.ch anmelden mit Immatrikulationsbescheinigung.

Students please register separately by mail to smrh@insel.ch together with proof of enrollment.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

Durch die Teilnahme am Symposium können Sie Fortbildungspunkte bei den folgenden Gesellschaften erwerben (weitere Informationen erhalten Sie unter smrh@insel.ch):

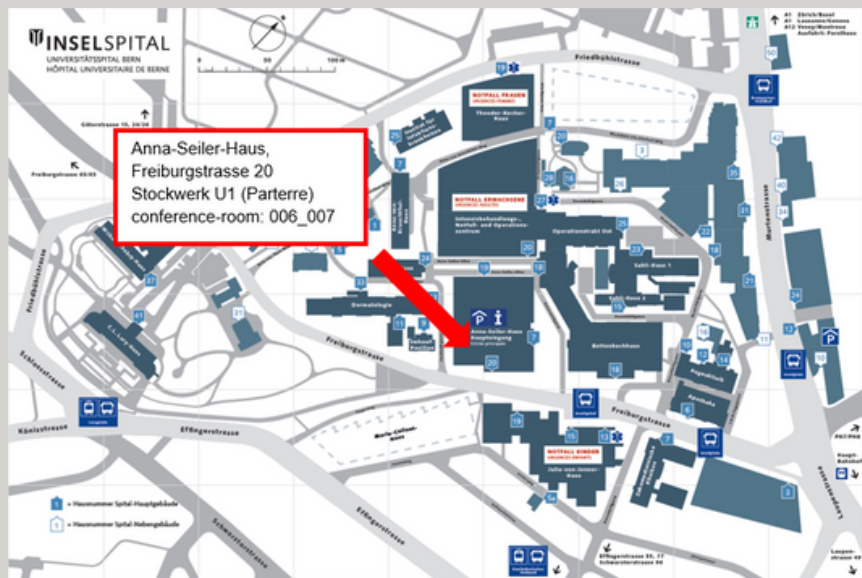
By participating in the Symposium, you can receive continuing education credits, by the following societies (for more information, please contact smrh@insel.ch):

SGNOR (Swiss Professional Society for Emergency and Rescue Medicine)

SSAPM (Swiss Society for Anaesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine)

SGC (Swiss Professional Society for Surgery)

Lageplan / Site Plan



Anreise / Arrival

Die Anreise mit den öffentlichen Verkehrsmitteln wird empfohlen.
Ab Bahnhof Bern mit der Buslinie 12 Richtung Holligen bis Haltestelle «Inselplatz».
Für die Anreise mit dem Auto: Autobahnausfahrt «Bern Forsthaus».
Im Inselparking, dem Bahnhofparking und dem Parkhaus City West stehen begrenzte kostenpflichtige Parkplätze zur Verfügung.

Arrival by public transport is recommended.

From Bern train station, take bus line 12 in the direction of Holligen and get off at the «Inselplatz» stop.

For travel by car: Motorway exit «Bern Forsthaus». In the Inselparking, the Bahnhofparking and the multi-storey parking lot City West there are limited parking spaces are available for a fee.

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