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Welcome address from the local organizing committee

Dear colleagues,

it is a great pleasure to welcome you to the 21st biennial conference of the European Society of Health and Medical Sociology (ESHMS) in Hamburg. In this conference, we will explore the critical theme of "Mental Health in Times of Uncertainty".



The current global scenario is characterized by systemic and deep-rooted uncertainties. Climate change and natural hazards, armed conflicts, displacement, and pandemics contribute to the spread of uncertainty. According to the World Health Organization, fear, worry and stress are normal responses at times when we are faced with uncertainty or the unknown. Thus, the link between uncertainty and mental health is a highly topical and critical public health issue. Health and medical sociology can make important contributions to understanding the role of social and cultural factors for mental health in times of uncertainty. With the conference, we would like to promote dialogue, exchange of ideas and current findings, collaboration, and shared learning on this topic.

Hamburg has a long tradition in health and medical sociology. The Institute of Medical Sociology at the University Medical Center Hamburg Eppendorf was founded more than 50 years ago. We are honoured to welcome our international colleagues in Hamburg and wish you a stimulating, productive, and enjoyable congress, as well as a pleasant stay.

Looking forward to meeting you all in Hamburg!

Olaf v.d. Kneesebeck

(for the local organizing committee)

Welcome address from the ESHMS

Dear colleagues,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 21st conference of the European Society for Health and Medical Sociology (ESHMS) in Hamburg, dedicated to the “Mental Health in Times of Uncertainty”, and organised by our wonderful colleagues from the Institute of Medical Sociology in Hamburg.

Our scientific community has grown significantly through regular activities designed to foster professional growth and collaboration. We have successfully established recurring sessions such as “Meet the Editors,” “Write a Peer-Review,” and our creative workshops during our conferences. We have strengthened our commitment to early-career researchers by supporting workshops and summer schools. Furthermore, we have launched the Excellence Prize in Health and Medical Sociology to reward the best paper in the discipline, open to all authors regardless of seniority. Our digital presence has also expanded, with new contributions enriching the ESHMS blog “Voices in health sociology”, edited by Liubov Borisova.



ESHMS is also now honouring the discipline and its own history by appointing two honorary members at each conference. This title is bestowed upon scholars whose work has significantly marked the discipline or who have dedicated themselves to the well-being of the Society. We are particularly proud to introduce this distinction, as it provides a long-overdue opportunity to formally recognize and celebrate the contributions of those who have shaped our field.

As we gather here, please note that 2026 is an election year for our Society for the 2026–2030 term. The Advisory Board will be up for re-election for those who wish to continue, and we have two seats available. I want to thank Laura Kestilä and Veronica Moretti for their participation in the Board, with special thanks to Veronica for the numerous activities she organized during her term, particularly regarding Artivism. I am confident that the future Board will strengthen the Society’s sustainability, continue its current activities, and develop new initiatives.

On a personal note, this conference marks the conclusion of my tenure as President after two terms (2019-2026), though I will remain on the Advisory Board. It has been a privilege to serve you, and I am confident that the Society is in a strong position for its next chapter.

I wish you a stimulating exchange of ideas, fruitful networking, and a pleasant stay in Hamburg.

Stéphane Cullati

President, ESHMS

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

TUESDAY 18th of August 2026

09:00 a.m. - 05:00 p.m. Pre-conference Early Career Workshop
Chair and organisation: Melissa Ceuterick

DAY 1 – WEDNESDAY 19th of August 2026

09:00 a.m. - 05:00 p.m. Conference Registration

09:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. ESHMS Advisory Board Meeting

01:00 p.m. - 01:30 p.m. ESHMS Hamburg 2026 Conference Welcome
Olaf von dem Knesebeck, Stéphane Cullati

01:30 p.m. - 02:30 p.m. Keynote 1 „Beyond brain, alienation and disadvantage: A population mental health perspective“
Prof. Piet Bracke; Chair: Liuba Borisova

02:30 p.m. - 03:30 p.m. Coffee Break

03:30 p.m. - 05:00 p.m. Parallel Sessions 1

05:00 p.m. - 05:15 p.m. Coffee Break

05:15 p.m. - 06:45 p.m. Parallel Sessions 2

07:00 p.m. - 08:30 p.m. Welcome Reception

DAY 2 – THURSDAY 20th of August 2026

From 08:30 a.m. onwards	Conference Registration
09:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	<u>Parallel Sessions 3</u>
10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Coffee Break
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	<u>Parallel Sessions 4</u>
12:30 p.m. - 01:30 p.m.	Lunch Break
12:30 p.m. – 01:30 p.m.	Creative Workshop (only preregistered participants) <i>Alice Scavarda</i>
01:30 p.m. - 02:30 p.m.	Keynote 2 „Breaking the structural barriers that keep mental health care out of reach“ Prof. Sara Evans-Lacko; <i>Chair: Olaf von dem Knesebeck</i>
02:30 p.m. - 03:30 p.m.	<u>Postersessions I and II</u> <i>Chair I: Michael Calnan</i> <i>Chair II: Katalin Kovacs</i>
03:30 p.m. - 04:00 p.m.	Coffee Break
04:00 p.m. - 05:30 p.m.	<u>Parallel Sessions 5</u>
05:30 p.m. - 06:30 p.m.	ESHMS General Assembly
05:45 p.m. - 06.45 p.m.	Visit and guided tour of the Medical History Museum (preregistration only) <i>Building N30 on the campus</i>
07:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.	Dinner <i>Location: Blockbräu at the St. Pauli Landungsbrücken</i>

DAY 3 – FRIDAY 21st of August 2026

09:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	<u>Parallel Sessions 6</u>
10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Coffee Break
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	<u>Parallel Sessions 7</u>
12:30 p.m. - 01:30 p.m.	Lunch Break
01:30 p.m. - 02:30 p.m.	Round Table „Social inequalities in mental health in the EU“ Nico Dragano, Terje Eikemo, Johann Mackenbach, Ingrid Stegeman; <i>Chair: Alice Scavarda</i>
02:30 p.m. - 03:30 p.m.	Closing Ceremony / Prizes

Detailed information about each parallel session is available by clicking on the respective session and is also included in the forthcoming book of abstracts.

PARALLEL SESSIONS OVERVIEW

DAY 1 – WEDNESDAY 19th of August 2026

03:30 p.m. – 05:00 p.m.

Parallel Sessions 1

Room 1 <i>Chair: Karl Krajic</i>	<u>Combining employment and care for relatives on the workplace level</u>
Room 2 <i>Chair: Jelena Epping, Stefanie Sperlich</i>	<u>Recent developments in health inequalities – is Germany on the right track?</u>
Room 3 <i>Chair: Elisa Constantino</i>	<u>Discrimination and mental health I</u>
Room 4 <i>Chair: Stéphane Cullati</i>	<u>Diverging trajectories and compounding inequalities: cumulative (dis)advantage in health I</u>
Room 5 <i>Chair: Cornelia Wagner, Katrjin Delaruelle, Sorana Toma</i>	<u>Inequalities in preventive practices I</u>
Room 6 <i>Chair: Christian Broer</i>	<u>Temporal misalignment, medicalization, and mental health</u>

05:15 p.m. - 06:45 p.m.

Parallel Sessions 2

Room 1 <i>Chair: Valentina Rotondi</i>	<u>Inconsistent parenting and mental health</u>
Room 2 <i>Chair: Ariane Bertogg, Sarah Schmauk, Enrique Alonso-Perez</i>	<u>Family diversities in aging societies</u>
Room 3 <i>Chair: Anna Makowski</i>	<u>Discrimination and mental health II</u>
Room 4 <i>Chair: Malgorzata Mikucka</i>	<u>Diverging trajectories and compounding inequalities: cumulative (dis)advantage in health II</u>
Room 5 <i>Chair: Cornelia Wagner, Katrjin Delaruelle, Sorana Toma</i>	<u>Inequalities in preventive practices II</u>
Room 6 <i>Chair: Melissa Ceuterick, Alice Scavarda</i>	<u>Rethinking health-related stigma: lived experiences, structural processes, and the reproduction of new inequalities</u>

DAY 2 – THURSDAY 20th of August 2026

09:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Parallel Sessions 3

Room 1

Chair: Alice Scavarda

The potential of comics and visual storytelling to improve health narrative

Room 2

*Chair: Dina Maskileyson,
Zaharija Porchu*

Work, mobility, and mental health in times of uncertainty I

Room 3

Chair: Elisa Constantino

Discrimination and mental health III

Room 4

Chair: Stéphane Cullati

Diverging trajectories and compounding inequalities: cumulative (dis)advantage in health III

Room 5

*Chair: Cornelia Wagner,
Katrjin Delaruelle, Sorana
Toma*

Inequalities in preventive practices III

Room 6

*Chair: Veerle Buffel, Amina
Yaklaf, Tulya Su Guven*

Migrant mental health and healthcare utilization I

Room 7

Chair: Constantin Reinke

Student mental health and higher education

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Parallel Sessions 4

Room 1
Chair: Nico Dragano, Insa Backhaus-Hoven

Comparative research on occupational health: new analyses and methodological developments

Room 2
Chair: Dina Maskileyson, Zaharija Porchu

Work, mobility, and mental health in times of uncertainty II

Room 3
Chair: Christopher Kofahl

Critical perspectives on health, knowledge, and society

Room 4
Chair: Vladimir Jolidon

MAIHDA: advances, extensions, and applications in health research

Room 5
Chair: Cornelia Wagner, Katrjin Delaruelle, Sorana Toma

Inequalities in preventive practices IV

Room 6
Chair: Veerle Buffel, Amina Yaklaf, Tulya Su Guven

Migrant mental health and healthcare utilization II

Room 7

Workshop "Publishing and peer-review"

Liuba Borisova, Tim Huijts, Matthew Smaldon

04:00 p.m. - 05:30 p.m.

Parallel Sessions 5

Room 1
Chair: Elizabeth McDermott, Eleanor Wilkinson

Social justice and the crisis of LGBTQI+ young people's mental health

Room 2
Chair: Jens Klein

Health care systems and professional practices

Room 3
Chair: Siegfried Geyer, Johannes Siegrist

The role of theory in cross-country studies in medical sociology

Room 4
Chair: Wietske DeVries

Studying medicalization in times of uncertainties

Room 5
Chair: Nico Vonneilich

Work, employment, and occupational health

Room 6
Chair: Anna Makowski

Youth, school contexts, and mental health

DAY 3 – FRIDAY 21st of August 2026

09:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Parallel Sessions 6

Room 1 <i>Chair: Christopher Kofahl</i>	<u>Family, parenting, and early childhood development</u>
Room 2 <i>Chair: Barbara Sena</i>	<u>Spiritual care</u>
Room 3 <i>Chair: Baptiste Brossard</i>	<u>Trauma in times of uncertainty</u>
Room 4 <i>Chair: Olaf von dem Knesebeck</i>	<u>Social determinants of health and health inequalities</u>
Room 5 <i>Chair: Alice Marchesi</i>	<u>Migration and mental health I</u>
Room 6 <i>Chair: Anna Levke Brütt</i>	<u>Patient and public involvement to co-production in health research</u>

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Parallel Sessions 7

Room 1 <i>Chair: Anna Makowski</i>	<u>Population mental health and depression</u>
Room 2 <i>Chair: Daniel Lüdecke</i>	<u>Health policy, governance, and public trust</u>
Room 3 <i>Chair: Nico Vonneilich</i>	<u>Loneliness, social relationships, and wellbeing</u>
Room 4 <i>Chair: Jens Klein</i>	<u>Reproductive health, gender, and medicalization</u>
Room 5 <i>Chair: Alice Marchesi</i>	<u>Migration and mental health II</u>
Room 6 <i>Chair: Constantin Reinke</i>	<u>Chronic disease, diagnosis, and epidemiology</u>

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Parallel Sessions 1 (Wednesday, 19th of August 2026, 03:30 p.m. – 05:00 p.m.)

Combining employment and care for relatives on the workplace level

Chair: Karl Krajic

273 Author(s): Guido Becke

„Home helps' interaction work with elder persons and their informal carers - psychosocial risks and organisational practices“

297 Author(s): Thomas Geisen

„It requires a certain degree of flexibility from others – combining employment and distant care in Swiss companies“

303 Author(s): Charlotte Dötig, Karl Krajic

„Is combining employment and caring for (highly) aged persons primarily a double burden?“

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Recent developments in health inequalities – is Germany on the right track?

Chair: Jelena Epping, Stefanie Sperlich

155 Author(s): Christina Kersjes et al.

„Widening socioeconomic inequalities in depressive symptoms in Germany in a time of multiple crises“

247 Author(s): Batoul Safieddine et al.

„Smoking in Germany between 2008 and 2024: Age-specific trends and the impact of educational expansion“

250 Author(s): Fabian Tetzlaff et al.

„Socioeconomic inequalities in breast cancer in Germany during the last decades“

252 Author(s): Petra Rattay et al.

„Trends in income inequality in self-rated health among parents and non-parents in Germany from 2009 to 2024“

292 Author(s): Johannes Beller et al.

„Loneliness trends among adults with and without disabilities: A growing divide?“

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Discrimination and mental health I

Chair: Elisa Constantino

113 Author(s): Lobke Van Ryckeghem et al.

„Silence speaks: Male infertility, stigma, and masculinity“

133 Author(s): Laura González Pilz

„Discrimination makes you tired: An intersectional analysis of how university students embody discrimination and its mental health consequences“

167 Author(s): Justine E. Daverio et al.

„Quality of care, social inequalities in health and access to care: scoping reviews results“

206 Author(s): Rebecca Rhead

„Ethnic inequalities in access to NHS talking therapies: referral pathways, treatment receipt, and outcomes in South London“

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Diverging trajectories and compounding inequalities: cumulative (dis)advantage in health I

Chair: Stéphane Cullati

203 Author(s): Rebecca Rhead et al.

„Housing tenure and mental health across adulthood: Causal evidence from the 1970 British cohort study“

204 Author(s): Helena Ludwig-Walz et al.

„Overall, emotional and social loneliness among young and middle-aged adults and their associated factors“

222 Author(s): Kristian Heggebø et al.

„Conceptualizing mental being among Norwegian adolescents: An empirical test using survey data 2023-2025“

239 Author(s): Julia Fritzsche

„From university to work: Health consequences of education and employment transitions and the role of psychosocial resources“

268 Author(s): Thomas O'Toole et al.

„The measurement and embodiment of proteomic ageing signatures“

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Inequalities in preventive practices I

Chair: Cornelia Wagner, Katrijn Delaruelle, Sorana Toma

324 Author(s): Micha Wróblewski et al.

„Sociotechnical imaginaries of vaccination: Future perspectives among sceptics and enthusiasts“

152 Author(s): Maddie Tremblett

„Non-attenders, or not engaged with? Inequalities in cervical screening communication in England“

161 Author(s): Samantha Groenestein et al.

„Understanding health inequalities in families: Parental adaptive capacity in a Dutch neighborhood context“

193 Author(s): Valentien Taeldeman; Katrijn Delaruelle

„Educational spillover effects and influenza vaccination uptake in Europe: The role of social (dis)connection“

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Temporal misalignment, medicalization, and mental health

Chair: Christian Broer

180 Author(s): Carlotta Marie Mollica

„Ageing through lenses: Perspectives across disciplines in the ageing society — A sociological view“

189 Author(s): Maaïke Paredis

„Life course timing and loneliness: Gendered age norms and de-standardization across Europe“

305 Author(s): Isabella Morse

„The temporal politics of waiting lists: A qualitative interview study with care experienced young people“

289 Author(s): Anouk Alary et al.

„Suspended youth: Oscillating between normality and catastrophic risk in porto-sinusoidal vascular disease“

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Parallel Sessions 2 (Wednesday, 19th of August 2026, 05:15 p.m. – 06:45 p.m.)

Inconsistent parenting and mental health

Chair: Valentina Rotondi

185 Author(s): Ananda Stullich et al.

„I could really imagine that this becomes a fixed component of therapy – A qualitative analysis on the acceptability of a parenting program for parents with substance use disorder in inpatient rehabilitation in Germany“

215 Author(s): Febe Hertveldt et al.

„Caring for a child with persistent, severe regulatory problems: a multi-family-member interview analysis“

214 Author(s): Nora Louwagie et al.

„Parental psychotropic medication use, risk and intensive parenting ideology: a critical discourse analysis“

208 Author(s): Sofie Heidenheim Christensen et al.

„Parental uncertainty, intangible risk“

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Family diversities in aging societies

Chair: Ariane Bertogg, Sarah Schmauk, Enrique Alonso-Perez

126 Author(s): Ariana Bertogg et al.

„Family diversity and care contexts: Who provides non-family care?“

127 Author(s): Enrique Alonso-Perez et al.

„Family at the heart: Differences in biomarkers of cardiovascular risk among diverse family types in the German national cohort (NAKO)“

166 Author(s): Kübra Akkaya

„Between family and community: The transitions to first and second birth and volunteering patterns“

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Discrimination and mental health II

Chair: Anna Makowski

232 Author(s): Carmen Koschollek et al.

„Discrimination and health among the adult population: results of the panel survey health in Germany 2024“

260 Author(s): Camille Duveau et al.

„10 years-evolution of the quality of life by migrant group in the Belgian population“

274 Author(s): Hilde Depauw et al.

„Psychotherapy as an ideological space: positionings of minoritized clients within structural and interpersonal power dynamics“

279 Author(s): Sorana Toma et al.

„Intersectional experiences of discrimination and mental health in France“

313 Author(s): Alice Scavarda

„The effects of psycho-emotional disablism on disabled women’s mental health“

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Diverging trajectories and compounding inequalities: cumulative (dis)advantage in health II

Chair: Malgorzata Mikucka

257 Author(s): Julia Petersen et al.

„Severe housing cost burden during the COVID-19 pandemic – a predictor for poor mental health?“

277 Author(s): Katalin Kovács et al.

„Biomedical universe and individual suffering – care regimes for diabetic patients and the compounding inequalities“

278 Author(s): Julianna Boros

„Social inequalities in child healthcare utilisation in Hungary: A life-course analysis of five-year-olds in the Hungarian birth cohort study (Cohort 18)“

315 Author(s): Malgorzata Mikucka

„Searching for mechanisms of cumulative advantage: Accumulated labor market insecurity and recovery from health shocks in later working life“

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Inequalities in preventive practices II

Chair: Cornelia Wagner, Katrijn Delaruelle, Sorana Toma

196 Author(s): Jan Gehrmann et al.

„What drives adherence and engagement in hybrid mental health prevention? Insights from a mixed-methods study“

212 Author(s): Katherina Heinrichs et al.

„Who to address when preventing students mental health issues? A qualitative expert study on marginalised student groups at German universities“

223 Author(s): Abi Woodward et al.

„Mental health stigma and cultural inequalities: Social prescribing as a preventative model for South Asian family carers in the UK“

227 Author(s): Sarah Devos et al.

„Migrant-related inequalities in preventive healthcare and the role of inclusive health and integration policies“

263 Author(s): Morris Viitanen et al.

„Age-related differences in the use of digital occupational health services among public sector employees“

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Rethinking health-related stigma: lived experiences, structural processes, and the reproduction of new inequalities

Chair: Melissa Ceuterick, Alice Scavarda

151 Author(s): Aranka Ballering et al.

„How social identities shape endorsement of the sick role: an intersectional analysis of persistent somatic symptoms.“

170 Author(s): Lena De Bonte et al.

„Understanding chronic pain stigma through Scambler's shame-blame framework“

216 Author(s): Lies Saelens et al.

„Perceived public stigma at school: School social contexts and adolescents perceptions of stigma toward a peer with depression“

237 Author(s): Melissa Ceuterick; Fleur Baert

„Shame, blame and opioid-related stigma in media discourse“

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Parallel Sessions 3 (Thursday, 20th of August 2026, 09:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.)

The potential of comics and visual storytelling to improve health narrative

Chair: Alice Scavarda

235 Author(s): Ingunn Vatnøy et al.

„Comics, metacognition and mental health in professional education“

256 Author(s): Anna Nordenstam

„Social critique and mental health in the comics by Linda Spåman and Marie Tillman“

312 Author(s): Alice Scavarda

„The pictorial embodiment in comics for the study of mental health“

361 Author(s): Eszter Szep; Masood Masoodian

„Representing depression in contemporary comics from the New Europe“

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Work, mobility, and mental health in times of uncertainty I

Chair: Dina Maskileyson, Zaharija Porchu

198 Author(s): Veerle Buffel et al.

„Mental health and unemployment: the relevance of descriptive and injunctive social norms“

269 Author(s): Karl Gauffin

„Negotiating exhaustion – a study of a diagnosis in transformation“

282 Author(s): Rose Xueqing Zhang

„When success feels hollow: Mechanisms linking overwork to embodied harm among Chinese white-collar workers“

298 Author(s): Zaharija Porchu et al.

„Trajectories of depressive symptoms among older immigrants in Europe: A gendered analysis“

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Discrimination and mental health III

Chair: Elisa Constantino

300 Author(s): Rose Rickford et al.

„Depression diagnosis and ethnic inequality“

314 Author(s): Mira Fey et al.

„Re-thinking access to mental health care for LGBTQI+ Communities: Applying the Levesque framework in Ireland“

322 Author(s): Samantha Davis et al.

„Preventing mental health inequalities: The role of discrimination and social support among LGBTQ+ adults in the UK“

340 Author(s): Oliver Clackson Bonnington

„Challenging stigma where it matters: Depression-related stigma as practice assemblages, and strategies for their reconfiguration“

350 Author(s): Piotr Laskowski et al.

„Conspiracy beliefs, institutional trust and mental health in times of prolonged uncertainty (2021–2025)“

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Diverging trajectories and compounding inequalities: cumulative (dis)advantage in health III

Chair: Stéphane Cullati

341 Author(s): Mateo Farina et al.

„Education and age gradients in cognitive difficulties across U.S. States, 2008–2022“

351 Author(s): Lukasz Kiszkiel et al.

„From uncertainty to adaptation? Long-term trajectories of mental health, loneliness and quality of life in a post-pandemic population (2021–2025)“

366 Author(s): Anna Christin Makowski et al.

„Intersectional inequalities in somatic symptom severity: a trans-diagnostic MAIHDA analysis of SOMACROSS data“

364 Author(s): Anthony Nunnery et al.

„Association between area deprivation, comorbidity burden, and depression in a mammography cohort“

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Inequalities in preventive practices III

Chair: Cornelia Wagner, Katrijn Delaruelle, Sorana Toma

295 Author(s): Vladimir Jolidon et al.

„Who attends the dentist? An intersectional analysis of dental service use in the UK“

320 Author(s): Ángel Ramón Zapata Moya

„Testing fundamental meta-mechanisms in socioeconomic inequalities in the adoption of preventive practices“

367 Author(s): Christopher Kofahl et al.

„Oral health literacy among adults and children in Germany“

325 Author(s): Justyna Klingemann

„Support, safety, and significant others: A sociological perspective on post-discharge suicide prevention“

352 Author(s): Christian Janssen; Christoph Geigl

„Health locus of control beliefs in German older adults: A multivariable analysis in regard to socio-economic status, health behaviors and health-related quality of life“

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Migrant mental health and healthcare utilization I

Chair: Veerle Buffel, Amina Yakhlaf, Tulya Su Guven

125 Author(s): Amina Yakhlaf et al.

„Family first? Migration background and preferences for family involvement in mental health decision-making in Belgium“

234 Author(s): Fabio Lucchini et al.

„Foreign communities and access to healthcare services in the metropolitan city of Milan: the case of gambling“

309 Author(s): Yuting Wen

„Mismatches in mental health support: value-driven help-seeking among UK Chinese international students“

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Student mental health and higher education

Chair: Constantin Reinke

134 Author(s): Antje Römhild; Alfons Holleder

„The relationship between depression severity, deviation from the standard study period, and dropout intentions among university students: A longitudinal analysis“

139 Author(s): Emilia Niedzwiecka et al.

„Through the forest to health – non-pharmacological interventions improving mental well-being of medical students as a potential element of suicide prevention and postvention support.“

145 Author(s): Jennifer Lehnchen et al.

„I would like to see health to become an even higher priority – Findings from expert interviews on student mental health surveys at German universities“

333 Author(s): Ramon Llopis-Goig

„Mental health and wellbeing among university students. Findings from a study in Spain“

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Parallel Sessions 4 (Thursday, 20th of August 2026, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.)

Comparative research on occupational health: new analyses and methodological developments

Chair: Nico Dragano, Insa Backhaus-Hoven

199 Author(s): Nico Dragano

„Comment on theoretical and methodological approaches to comparative occupational health research“

200 Author(s): Mariann Rigó; Morten Wahrendorf; Nico Dragano

„Workplace preventive measures and employee outcomes: Does country-industry context matter?“

323 Author(s): Morten Wahrendorf

„Mental health decline and work retention: Do occupational safety and health measures make a difference? Evidence from SHARE–ESENER linked data.“

330 Author(s): Insa Backhaus-Hoven

„Intersectional inequalities in psychosocial working conditions and health: Evidence from Europe“

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Work, mobility, and mental health in times of uncertainty II

Chair: Dina Maskileyson, Zaharija Porchu

307 Author(s): Yi-Ting Wang; Yawen Cheng

„Associations between precarious employment and health outcomes among workers aged 50 and over in Taiwan: Evidence from a national survey“

310 Author(s): Yawen Cheng

„Managing psychosocial health risks in large enterprises in Taiwan: A mixed-methods study with managers“

318 Author(s): Lisa Grielens et al. „From strain to exit: Understanding turnover of childcare professionals“

331 Author(s): Netta Feldman Gilboa; Paula Feder-Bubis

„Wellbeing under pressure: A review of wellness interventions for non-surgical resident physicians.“

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Critical perspectives on health, knowledge, and society

Chair: Christopher Kofahl

255 Author(s): Andy Guise et al.

„The abandonment of people who use drugs in south London, UK: an ethnographic case study of systemic stigma and discrimination“

354 Author(s): Tugba Özcan

„Embodied uncertainty in Türkiye: Reproductive pain, diagnostic delay, and the co-production of mental distress“

174 Author(s): Lily Slanickova

„Contested pain: Fibromyalgia and the politics of uncertainty“

276 Author(s): Johanna Couvée

„To make sense of a troubled world: Intersecting critical conceptions of mental health through personal experience and professional practice“

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MAIHDA: advances, extensions, and applications in health research

Chair: Vladimir Jolidon

135 Author(s): Enrique Alonso-Perez et al.

„Phenotypic age acceleration through a lens of intersectional inequalities in the German national cohort (NAKO)“

158 Author(s): Anneleen De Cuyper et al.

„Beyond the ideal victim: An intersectional multilevel analysis of sexual harassment in higher education“

169 Author(s): Daniel Bolander Blomberg

„How does social positions and school results influence ADHD and autism diagnosis?“

241 Author(s): Lize Hermans et al.

„Inequalities in vitality: an intersectional analysis in Belgium between 2018 and 2023-2024“

291 Author(s): Philippe Bos et al.

„Intersectional inequalities in the diabetes–depression comorbidity: A MAIHDA analysis of repeated cross-sectional data of the Belgian Health Interview Survey (2001-2018)“

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Inequalities in preventive practices IV

Chair: Cornelia Wagner, Katrin Delaruelle, Sorana Toma

138 Author(s): Niklas Petersen; Silke Schicktanz

„Responsibility, accessibility, and equity: Social preconditions and implications of current approaches to dementia prevention in Canada, Germany, and Switzerland“

280 Author(s): Mariebelle Kaus et al.

„Digital interventions to strengthen mental health in Saxony-Anhalt, Germany: Acceptance, awareness, and attitudes in the general population“

283 Author(s): Cornelia Wagner et al.

„Migration and life-course patterns of preventive healthcare uptake in Europe“

284 Author(s): Sarah Derveeuw et al.

„Neighbourhood context and ethnoracial inequities in cancer screening uptake in Belgium“

294 Author(s): Hanna Rekola et al.

„Who engages, who benefits? Understanding sociodemographic differences in appeal and mental wellbeing impact of wellbeing promoting apps: insights from the BitHabit digital intervention“

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Migrant mental health and healthcare utilization II

Chair: Veerle Buffel, Amina Yaklaf, Tulya Su Guven

319 Author(s): Imen El Amouri et al.

„Victimization and mental health trajectories: A 12-month longitudinal study of asylum seekers in the Netherlands and Greece“

339 Author(s): Fernanda Sousa-Duarte

„Avoiding colour-blindness: The racialisation of trust, distrust and mental healthcare preferences in Brazil“

357 Author(s): Herfina Nababan et al.

„How does discrimination in healthcare settings affect unmet healthcare needs in Germany? An intersectional mediation analysis“

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Postersession (Thursday, 20th of August 2026, 02:30 p.m. - 03:30 p.m.)

Postersession I

Chair I: Michael Calnan

121 Author(s): Josefine Skou Jakobsen et al.

„How can we succeed with integrated treatment for young people with co-occurring mental illness and substance use problems? Perspectives from young service users and carers“

184 Author(s): Jann Niklas Vogel et al.

„Discharge management and healthcare as a Co-productive process: Findings from a mixed-methods study in Mecklenburg–Western Pomerania“

213 Author(s): Weronika Krajewska

„Treating infertility with alternative and complementary medicine (CAM) methods. Perspectives of women and practitioners of CAM.“

217 Author(s): Eva Vangilbergen; Janneke Kuiper

„A struggle for recognition: The discourse of European Long COVID patient organizations“

219 Author(s): Eva Vangilbergen et al.

„Mapping ageism through an intersectional lens: A quantitative analysis of the social study 2024“

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Postersession II

Chair II: Katalin Kovacs

230 Author(s): Laura Scholaske et al.

„Assessing active coping with discrimination: Validation of a scale in adults with a migration background from muslim-majority countries“

242 Author(s): Mirja Baumgart et al.

„Coping strategies and mental health in Post-COVID affected healthcare workers“

259 Author(s): Ludwig Piesch et al.

„When sitting still leads to a standstill: The role of physical activity and sedentary time in coping with academic stress“

299 Author(s): Zaharija Porchu et al.

„Exploring depression prevalence across measurement systems and regions: A meta-analysis“

327 Author(s): Eetu Haataja et al.

„Intersectional inequalities in psychological wellbeing among Finnish early and mid-adolescents“

344 Author(s): Sabina Wagner et al.

„Internalised weight stigma among people with and without type 2-diabetes“

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Parallel Sessions 5 (Thursday, 20th of August 2026, 04:00 p.m. - 05:30 p.m.)

Social justice and the crisis of LGBTQI+ young people's mental health

Chair: Elizabeth McDermott, Eleanor Wilkinson

175 Author(s): Michal Pitoňák'

„From no local evidence to quiet acknowledgement: politics of (non)recognition of LGBTQI+ wellbeing in Czechia“

183 Author(s): Tobias Kuhnert; Andreas Pfister

„The role of informal care and support for LGBTQ+ youth who attempted suicide“

209 Author(s): Rachael Eastham; Elizabeth McDermott

„Irreconcilable differences?: Epistemic injustice and the integration of mental health care for LGBTQ+ young people“

349 Author(s): Eleanor Wilkinson

„The ethics of researching LGBTQ+ youth wellbeing in times of crisis: On promise, failure and care“

359 Author(s): Ad Jüne Ott et al.

„Beyond individual resilience: An intersectional analysis of well-being profiles and normative alignment among LGBTQ+ students“

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Health care systems and professional practices

Chair: Jens Klein

265 Author(s): Asako Saji et al.

„How doctors manage public assistance in primary care clinics: a qualitative study in Japan“

296 Author(s): Robert Pralat et al.

„Professional perspectives on the challenges facing mental health support services for children and adolescents in England“

338 Author(s): Daria Nikitina

„Implementing evidence-based mental health care in Russia: Institutional barriers and professional reconfigurations“

368 Author(s): Jens Klein et al.

„Health care system distrust in Germany – magnitude, social inequalities, and associations with utilization behaviour in the general population“

370 Author(s): Leo Josam et al.

„Systematic review: User-level mitigation strategies for sociodemographic bias of LLMs in diagnostic and therapeutic decision making“

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The role of theory in cross-country studies in medical sociology

Chair: Siegfried Geyer, Johannes Siegrist

162 Author(s): Marvin Reuter; Tabea Gau

„When Is re-employment good for mental health? The role of psychosocial job quality“

164 Author(s): Johannes Siegrist

„The role of theory in cross-country research of medical sociology“

165 Author(s): Thorsten Lunau

„Theoretical models of work stress in comparative research: The impact of national contextual factors on psychosocial working conditions in Europe“

207 Author(s): Birgit Aust et al.

„Comparative worksite intervention to promote mental health: The MENTUPP study“

254 Author(s): Johannes Beller; Siegfried Geyer

„The long-term development of morbidity: From morbidity compression to morbidity expansion?“

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Studying medicalization in times of uncertainties

Chair: Wietske DeVries

148 Author(s): Eva Lianne van Dijk

„Foundational steps to prepare granting-agencies to review qualitative research: Lessons from a case study.“

149 Author(s): Sanne te Meerman

„How psychiatrization works in practice: The DSM and reification of ADHD.“

220 Author(s): Wietske De Vries et al.

„Exploring concept creep: Youths portrayal of ADHD on TikTok“

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Work, employment, and occupational health

Chair: Nico Vonneilich

150 Author(s): Dana Zarhin

„Sleepscapes: rhythms, routines, and the dynamics of everyday and everynight life“

156 Author(s): Anu Polvinen

„Employment pathways of disability pensioners in Finland: a sequence analysis“

178 Author(s): Miriam Kappe et al.

„Violence as a work-related stressor: Findings from elderly and special needs care in Southern Germany“

218 Author(s): Josephine Jackisch

„Heterogenous risks for ill-health, family breakdown and income after unemployment in times of crisis“

228 Author(s): Hanna Rinne

„The impact of unemployment on sickness absence onset and prevalence“

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Youth, school contexts, and mental health

Chair: Anna Makowski

362 Author(s): Gemma Knowles

„Bridging Divides: Working with young people to coproduce a better understanding of gender inequalities in youth mental health.“

253 Author(s): Tim Huijts

„Variations between types of smartphone bans and students well-being and social connectedness in Dutch secondary education“

345 Author(s): Anna Prokop-Dorner et al.

„From individual to school context: unpacking critical health literacy among youth in Poland“

168 Author(s): Nina Van Eekert et al.

„Parental attitudes and practices toward school- and home-based sexuality education in Belgium: A national probability survey“

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Parallel Sessions 6 (Friday, 21st of August 2026, 09:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.)

Family, parenting, and early childhood development

Chair: Christopher Kofahl

221 Author(s): Sara De Bruyn et al.

„Pregnancy and birth experiences as early determinants of parental and infant mental health“

249 Author(s): Niina Metsä-Simola et al.

„From pre-pregnancy to the early school years: maternal mental health and child's ADHD in Germany and the UK“

266 Author(s): Fien Plochaet et al.

„Preventive parenting program targeting early infant regulatory problems: A mixed-methods feasibility study“

293 Author(s): Raphaël Hammer et al.

„Food anxiety in pregnancy: Bodily norms and risk discourses“

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Spiritual care

Chair: Barbara Sena

115 Author: Ariela Popper-Giveon; Yael Keshet

„Layers of senses – Experiencing intercorporeality in spiritual care“

182 Author(s): Holly Watson et al.

„Exploring chronic pain and spiritual well-being: Outcomes of a nurse-led psychoeducational program“

187 Author(s): Enrico De Luca; Barbara Sena

„Developing a meditative hospice model: Advancing and integrating spiritual care in palliative and end-of-life services“

301 Author(s): Giovanna Artioli et al.

„Awareness of spirituality among healthcare professionals working in palliative care: A qualitative grounded theory study“

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Trauma in times of uncertainty

Chair: Baptiste Brossard

231 Author(s): Baptiste Brossard

„The traumatic imagination: Rethinking trauma as social process“

262 Author(s): Oliver Nix et al.

„Depressive symptoms and widowhood across Europe: Anticipation, transition, and recovery in periods of uncertainty based on SHARE data“

302 Author(s): Dana Abdelfattah et al.

„Mental suffering in context: Distinguishing between mental illness and existential forms of suffering among displaced and non-displaced populations in Lebanon“

343 Author(s): Shaul Bar Haim

„New temporalities of trauma: Anticipatory selfhood and the emergence of trigger culture“

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Social determinants of health and health inequalities

Chair: Olaf von dem Knesebeck

171 Author(s): Benediktas Gelūnas

„Lampshading social determinants of health: A qualitative study of Lithuanian health policy documents“

194 Author(s): Jayanta Bora; Gabriele Doblhammer

„Social patterning of combined mental and physical multimorbidity: A latent class analysis of the German National Cohort (NAKO)“

321 Author(s): Pilar Vidaurre Teixido et al.

„Variation in social determinants of health across welfare regimes - A principal component analysis on 29 European countries“

356 Author(s): Núria Pedrós Barnils et al.

„The use of decision trees to identify intersectional inequities in unmet health care needs in Sweden following the 2010 Choice in Primary Health Care reform“

358 Author(s): Eero Lahelma et al.

„Should we study negative or positive health?“

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Migration and mental health I

Chair: Alice Marchesi

109 Author(s): Emily Frank et al.

„The effects of legal status on refugees mental health: Longitudinal evidence from Germany“

124 Author(s): Anna Prashizky

„Coping with triple uncertainty: Mental health and religious practices among Ukrainian female labor migrants in Israel“

173 Author(s): Satadru Bhattachryya

„Displaced by climate, burdened by gender: Mental health consequences for women migrants in South Asia“

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Patient and public involvement to co-production in health research

Chair: Anna Levke Brütt

240 Author(s): Giada Danesi et al.

„Qualitative research with patients with chronic rare diseases: Backstage processes of peer-interviewing“

275 Author(s): Agnes Dumas et al.

„The elephant in the room: The financial compensation of patient and public involvement“

285 Author(s): Brent Taelis et al.

„The added value of Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) in oncology research: A mixed-methods cross-sectional study in four PPI Groups in Flanders (Belgium)“

342 Author(s): Anna Levke Brütt et al.

„What constitutes meaningful and successful patient involvement? Researchers perspectives from Germany“

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Parallel Sessions 7 (Friday, 21st of August 2026, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.)

Population mental health and depression

Chair: Anna Makowski

122 Author(s): Emilie Gillain et al.

„Exploring the role of household and individual-level factors in depression among people initiating ART in the Western Cape, South Africa“

258 Author(s): Anna Verjans et al.

„Mental health: The role of health status and economic wellbeing in Mozambique“

335 Author(s): Rainer Reile; Mall Leinsalu

„Change in population mental health in Estonia after Russia´s military invasion to Ukraine in 2022“

353 Author(s): Manon Hoedt et al.

„From household chaos to green space: Spatial determinants of infant self-regulation“

243 Author(s): Niina Metsä-Simola et al.

„Heterogeneity in educational outcomes following ADHD: A full population register-study in Finland“

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Health policy, governance, and public trust

Chair: Daniel Lüdecke

191 Author(s): Thomas Abel et al.

„Critical health literacy and equity“

195 Author(s): Jan Gehrmann et al.

„Beyond access and use in digital health studies: Social and digital determinants of health across two European health systems“

346 Author(s): Lucie Kalousová et al.

„The last inequality: Policy, institutions, and the stratification of end-of-life quality“

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Loneliness, social relationships, and wellbeing

Chair: Nico Vonneilich

142 Author(s): Katja Goetz; Jost Steinhäuser

„Importance of services to combat loneliness – a qualitative study“

177 Author(s): Anna Christina Nowak; Dirk Lampe

„A missing link in tumultuous times? Connecting research on social conflicts and mental well-being“

202 Author(s): Pauline Kleinschlömer et al.

„The family factor: The impact of life events on loneliness“

337 Author(s): Katarzyna Zawisza et al.

„The moderating role of online social networks in the association between feeling of loneliness and well-being in Polish older adults“

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Reproductive health, gender, and medicalization

Chair: Jens Klein

137 Author(s): Anna Wallays

„How mandatory abortion counseling relates to women's reproductive empowerment: an observational study“

157 Author(s): Azer Kiliç; Müriyet Esra Yildirim

„Interpretive contests over anti-müllerian hormone testing: How women engage with and resist anticipatory medicine“

251 Author(s): Nina Van Eekert et al.

„Describing FGC prevalence and medicalization in 5 countries: A competing risk analysis by birth cohort“

317 Author(s): Anna Theresa Schmid

„Between care and control: Analysing accompanied abortion stories in Ireland and Northern Ireland“

355 Author(s): Tugba Özcan

„Reproductive Time and mental health in clinical contexts“

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Migration and mental health II

Chair: Alice Marchesi

229 Author(s): Laura Hertner et al.

„Beyond symptom checklists: Differential sensitivity of PHQ and feeling broken and destroyed scale to social and political stressors among Syrian refugees and receiving communities in Lebanon“

246 Author(s): Susanne Bartig et al.

„Mental health of Ukrainian refugees in Germany: Results of the IAB-BAMF-SOEP Survey 2023“

348 Author(s): Emma Perneger et al.

„Aging in the shadows: health trajectories of older undocumented migrants“

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Chronic disease, diagnosis, and epidemiology

Chair: Constantin Reinke

179 Author(s): Samuel Nemeth; Shawn Bauldry

„Sociodemographic differences in the recovery of physical and cognitive functional impairments“

190 Author(s): Jana Wegehöft; Julia Perry

„Blood-based biomarkers for Alzheimer’s Disease – Current developments, insights and uncertainties concerning future implementation in Germany“

225 Author(s): Eevi Haverinen et al.

„Spatial and socioeconomic variation in neurodevelopmental diagnoses: a multilevel Finnish population study“

271 Author(s): Stefanie Sperlich et al.

„Trends in obesity from 2002 to 2022 in Germany – what is the impact of educational expansion?“

286 Author(s): Lieselotte Mond et al.

„Time trends in depression risk following acute cardiovascular events: A population-based case-control study using German health claims data“

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