

Participatory conference

**Sexual health and
migration: from
vulnerability to
*empowerment?***

Friday, June 24, 2022
University of Fribourg

Acrylique sur toile, Marion Canevascini, 120x120 cm, 2016

Anyone who is sexually active can be exposed to sexual risks, such as sexually transmitted infections, unwanted pregnancies, or coerced sex. However, some may be at greater risk. It is the case for migrants living in Switzerland under precarious legal and socio-economic conditions, those belonging to gender and/or sexual minorities and those engaged in sex work. This is what is shown by the Mi.STI study (Migration and vulnerability to HIV/STI), commissioned by the Federal Office of Public Health and conducted by a team of sociologists from the University of Fribourg in collaboration with field workers.

This **participatory conference** is organized and facilitated by scientists, field workers and migrants. Its objective is to provide spaces for discussion on the issues, intervention strategies and approaches in the field of «sexual health and migration» based on the results of the Mi.STI research.

The conference alternates plenary sessions (presentation of scientific results) with discussion workshops. The latter will be led jointly by field actors and migrants and will the public will be invited to participate in the debates.

Organizing Committee

Francesca Poglia Mileti, Laura Mellini, University of Fribourg
Celeste Ugochukwu, African Diaspora Council of Switzerland
Claude Isofa Nkanga Bokembya, PROFA Foundation, Lausanne

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Target audience

The conference is intended for a wide audience: migrants, stakeholders, decision-makers, researchers, students and anyone interested.

Languages

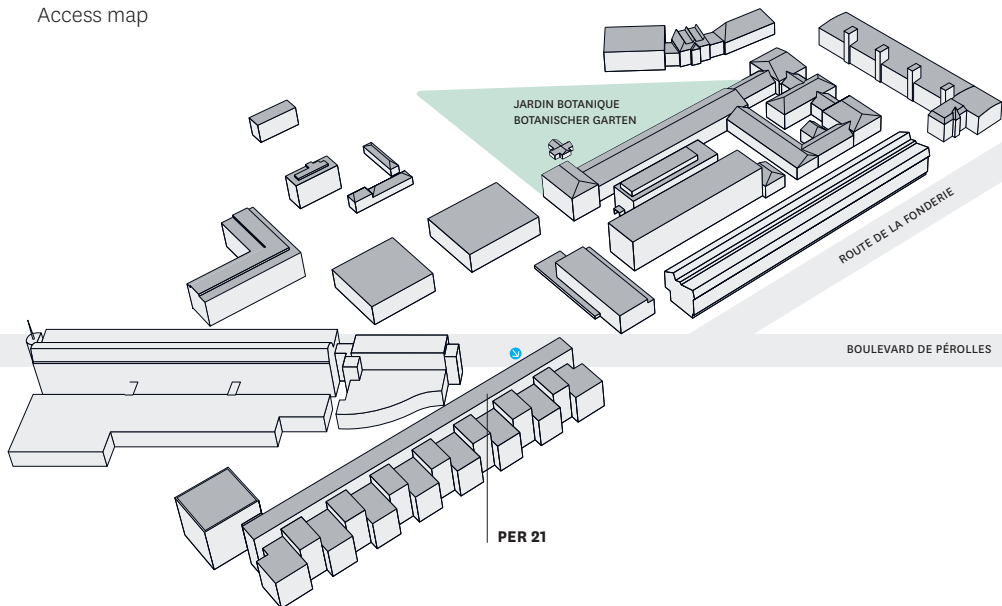
In French (F) and German (D), with simultaneous interpretation

08:30	Registration	
09:00	Welcome and introduction to the conference (F)	Francesca Poglià Mileti Claude Isofa Nkanga Bokembya
09:20	Plenary 1: Sexual health, migration and multiple vulnerabilities (F)	Francesca Poglià Mileti
10:00	Coffee break	
10:30	Parallel thematic workshops on access to sexual health	
	A) Sexual minorities (F)	Vanessa Christinet , Checkpoint, VD
	B) Sex work (F)	Corinne Siffert , Grisélidis, FR
	C) Legal and socio-economic insecurity (D)	Linda Stoll , Swiss Red Cross, canton Zürich
12:00	Lunch break	
13:30	Plenary 2: Intervention strategies and approaches in the field of «sexual health and migration» (F)	Laura Mellini
14:10	Parallel workshops on sexual health and migration approaches	
	D) Intimacy and empowerment (F)	Claude Isofa Nkanga Bokembya
	E) LGBTIQ+ asylum and inclusive approach (F)	Anis Kaiser , LGBTIQ+ Asylum, GE
	F) Racial discrimination and the cultural safety approach (D)	Lisa Bissegger , Cfd – Feminist peace organization, BE
15:40	Coffee break	
16:00	Feedback on the workshops with the participation of all facilitators (F/D)	Celeste Ugochukwu
17:20	Closing of the conference (F/D)	Laura Mellini Patricia Gründler , Swiss AIDS Federation
17:30	Cultural animation by the Tabita Association of Lausanne	

Venue

University of Fribourg | Site de Pérolles 21 | Bd de Pérolles 90 | Room G120

Access map



Registration

Online registration required until **Friday, June 10, 2022**: [HERE](#)

Participation fees

CHF 80,00 per person

CHF 30,00 students, OASI/DI/social welfare

Free participation possible, please contact us.

These fees include coffee breaks, lunch and documentation.

Preferably, they should be paid before the conference by bank transfer (bank references sent by mail after registration). It is possible to pay in cash on the spot.

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