

Kick-Off Workshop – Global LGBTIQ+ Health Project

Preliminary Program of Public Sessions

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Opening

In the face of global backlash against human rights, we firmly believe in the importance of building bridges that connect people across continents, language regions, and social divides. Therefore, we - scholars, practitioners, and key institutions from over 70 countries and all continents - have united to form the global LGBTIQ+ health project. Our team shares a common vision of creating a healthier global society for everyone, regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity, or sex characteristics. By doing so, we aim to enhance social justice and well-being on a global scale. We are excited that this kick-off workshop at the University of Zurich will serve as a platform to translate our shared values into practical actions. While our primary focus is on bridging the gap between our team members from around the world, we extend this invitation to members of the University of Zurich, the City of Zurich, and beyond. We look forward to fruitful exchange during our panel discussion at the Central Library of Zurich, and our public opening and closing sessions at the University of Zurich and will create many options to mingle during our evening programs. Let's work together, one step at a time, towards a more inclusive and equitable world.

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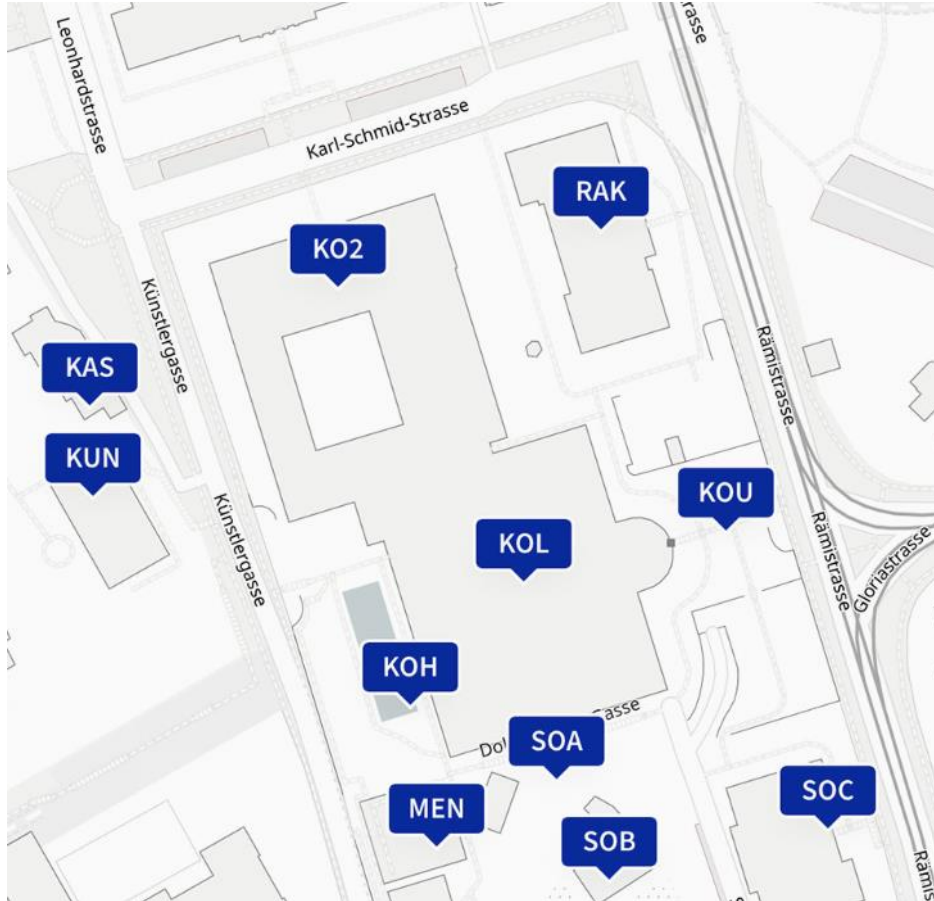
A central goal of this meeting is to connect project members of the global LGBTIQ+ health project from different countries and regions, backgrounds, and career stages, and to bring them into contact with the local community. We aim to provide a welcoming atmosphere, be mindful of language and other barriers, and foster a collaborative and supportive climate beyond national borders. Please consider that many of us speak English as a second language. Further, some participants prefer to add pronouns to their names, while others might not use any pronouns or prefer not to add them.

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Conference Venue

University of Zurich, Main Building (KOL)
Rämistrasse 71, 8006 Zürich, Switzerland



Tuesday, 23 June 2026

Public Podium Discussion – Everyone Welcome (Central Library Zurich, Zähringerplatz 6, 8001 Zürich)		
Time	Program Point	Room
18.30-19.30	<p>Podium Discussion: Standing United Against Global Backlash</p> <p>Collaborating partners of the Global LGBTIQ+ Health Project from Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, Latin America, and Oceania provide insights into the situation on the ground. They explain why they are participating in the project and why international cooperation is of central importance. The focus is on promoting the health of all people and enabling social participation. The importance of solidarity within the LGBTIQ+ community and beyond—for example, through allies—is also emphasized. Furthermore, the discussion highlights the challenges partners currently face in their countries, particularly in the context of political and social developments, and explains why global cooperation is necessary.</p> <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Andres Mil-Serrano</i> (Universidad de San Martin de Porres, Peru) • <i>Annesa Flentje</i> (Stanford University, United States) • <i>Éva Gati</i> (Eötvös Loránd University, Hungary) • <i>Lebogang Ramalepe</i> (North West University, South Africa) • <i>Joel Anderson</i> (La Trobe University, Australia) • <i>Nanchatsan Sakunpong</i> (Srinakharinwirot University, Thailand) <p>Moderator: <i>Tabea Hässler</i> (University of Zurich, Switzerland)</p>	Begegnungsraum P0
19.30	Welcome Drinks	Kweer (Spitalgasse 14, 8001 Zürich)

Wednesday, 24 June 2026

Public Session at the University of Zurich – Everyone Welcome (KOL-G-201 Aula; Rämistrasse 71, 8006 Zürich)		
Time	Program Point	Room
08.30-09.00	Arrival: Collection of name tags	KOL-G-201 Aula
09.00-09.10	Welcome by the organizers <i>Tabea Hässler, Sofia Bracco, Lukas Braun, Charly Hey, Juanca Hugues, Véronique Liaudet, Sandra Jaster, and Dorian Mittner</i>	KOL-G-201 Aula
09.10-09.20	Welcome by Prof. Dr. Elisabeth Stark, Vice President Research, University of Zurich <i>Elisabeth Stark</i>	KOL-G-201 Aula
09.20-10.00	The current situation of LGBTIQ+ people worldwide: Why we must work together to promote social inclusion, well-being, and health – Insights from Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, Oceania, and North America (<i>each: 5 minutes + Q&A</i>) Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Andrian Liem</i> (Universitas Sebelas Maret, Indonesia) • <i>Fiona Kate Barlow</i> (University of Queensland, Australia) • <i>Miguel Roselló</i> (Universidad de Las Américas, Chile) • <i>Monica Tabengwa</i> (United Nations Development Programme, South Africa) • <i>Sharon Horne</i> (University of Massachusetts Boston, United States) • <i>Stephen Barris</i> (Ex Aequo, Belgium) 	KOL-G-201 Aula
10.00-10.10	Short Break	
10.10-10.25	Presentation of the Global LGBTIQ+ Health Project <i>Tabea Hässler</i>	KOL-G-201 Aula

10.25-10.40	Welcome by the Swiss LGBTIQ+ Umbrella Associations (TGNS, LOS, PinkCross, & InterAction) <i>Jann Kraus</i>	KOL-G-201 Aula
10.40-10.45	Welcome by CheckPoint Zurich – Health Center for Queer People <i>Benjamin Hampel</i>	KOL-G-201 Aula
10.45-10.50	Welcome by the Eurocentralasian Lesbian* Community <i>Helena Vuković</i>	KOL-G-201 Aula
10.50-10.55	Welcome by the Swiss Health Observatory <i>Laila Burla</i>	KOL-G-201 Aula
10.55-11.00	Welcome by the Equal Opportunity Office (Fachstelle für Gleichstellung) of the City of Zurich <i>Mirjam Gasser</i>	KOL-G-201 Aula
11.00-11.30	Coffee: Opportunity of Mutual Exchange	TBD

Friday, 26 June 2026

Public Session – Concluding Session (Karl Schmid-Strasse 4, 1st floor, KOL-F-101)		
Time	Program Point	Room
16.00-16.20	Standing Together United – The Global LGBTIQ+ Health Project: Significance, needs, and the road ahead <i>Representatives of the Global LGBTIQ+ Health Project</i>	KOL-F-101
16.20-17.10	The need for culturally sensitive global research with societal impact – Team members’ reflections + Q&A <i>Representatives from All Continents + Scientists and Key Stakeholders</i>	KOL-F-101
17.10-17.15	Closing remarks by Anna-Béatrice Schmaltz, National Councilor <i>Anna-Béatrice Schmaltz</i>	KOL-F-101



17.15-17.20	Closing remarks by HAZ – Queer Zurich, Zurich <i>JD Jäger</i>	KOL-F-101
17.20-17.25	Closing remarks by Dr. Karin Gilland Lutz, Head of Office, Office for Equality, Diversity, Inclusion (EDI), University of Zurich <i>Karin Gilland Lutz</i>	KOL-F-101
17.25-17.30	Closing remarks by the organizers <i>Tabea Hässler, Sofia Bracco, Lukas Braun, Charly Hey, Juanca Hugues, Véronique Liaudet, Sandra Jaster, and Dorian Mittner</i>	KOL-F-101
17.30	Apéro Opportunity for Mutual Exchange	KOL-F-101
19.00	Joint Networking Dinner: Global Team	TBD
20.00	Closing Party <i>Open to All</i>	TBD