



MARCH 2026 - GEMS Newsletter

Dear colleagues interested in initiatives related to sex, gender and health,
Please find below information on current projects in the Swiss academic community.

OPEN LETTER on the Defunding of Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH)

A collective open letter has recently been sent to the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation and the Swiss National Science Foundation following the latest NCCR call, in which none of the [six selected programmes](#) fall within the SSH.

More than 1,000 researchers and professionals have endorsed this letter, expressing concern about the marginalisation of the SSH and its potential impact on the overall balance and quality of Swiss research.



The full letter, as submitted, is available [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

-  **5-6 March 2026. CAS in Sex and Gender Specific Medicine. Infectious Diseases Module.** You can start the CAS with any module!

•  **Location:** Bern University

•  [Learn more](#)
-  **9 March 2026. Olympe de Gê. From intimacy to institutions: rethinking consent as an everyday practice.** Organised by the Women Professors Network at UniFribourg

•  **Location:** Fribourg, Faculty of Science and Medicine

•  [Learn more](#)
-  **10 March 2026. Research Beyond Gender: Navigating Academic Careers Together.** Global SNSF Fellows Network (GSFN) Spring Webinar 2026

•  **Location:** Online

•  [Learn more](#)
-  **10 mars et 8 mai 2026 – Séminaire Masculinités, santé, genre 2025-2026.** UniGE, Centre Maurice Chalumeau en Sciences des sexualités

•  **Location:** University of Lausanne

•  [Learn more](#)
-  **20 March 2026 – Colloque : Comment enseigner le genre en médecine et santé ? Enjeux méthodologiques et défi de l'interdisciplinarité (French and English) as part of PNR83**

•  **Location:** Geneva, CMU

•  [Learn more](#)

-  **20 August 2026. Swiss Pharma Science Day 2026 - Women's Health and Gender Medicine**
 **Location:** University of Bern, Von Roll Campus
 [Learn more](#)
-  **26 September 2026 – Gendermedizin Tag. Gendermedizin zwischen Technologie, Lehre und Praxis.** Event co-organised by ETH Zurich BSc in Human Medicine team and Medbase.
SAVE-THE-DATE.
 **Location:** ETH Zurich.
 [Learn more](#)
-  **26–27 October 2026 – Swiss Gender Medicine Symposium**
SAVE THE DATE for this major event in Bern
 [Learn more](#)

NEW RESOURCES

The latest FemTechnology report has been published: **The Hidden Price of Being a Woman at Work**

 Access [here](#)

Thank you for reading this newsletter and feel free to share it with your colleagues. Most of the information is also available on the [GEMS platform](#). If you'd like to contribute news or updates, please reach out!

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The [GEMS platform](#) was created to support the integration of sex and gender dimension in the teaching of medical and nursing students in Swiss higher education. It hosts many teaching materials generously provided by teachers and researchers from partner universities and has further expanded its target audience. Please use and contribute!