



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS:

Feminist futures: Challenges and Possibilities

April 22-23, 2026

Hotel Lysebu, Oslo, Norway

While growing attention has been paid to the marginalization of women's embodiment and knowledge gaps regarding women's health, persistent challenges and untapped possibilities remain. This symposium invites scholars, practitioners, artists, and activists to critically engage with the urgent need to reimagine and reclaim women's health through feminist and other interdisciplinary lenses. What would a feminist future in terms of women's health look like? And what would be the challenges and possibilities in (working towards) this future?

At the third symposium of WOMAHN we welcome abstracts that address the silences, taboos, and systemic neglect surrounding various issues in women's health, and the urgency to challenge the censorship of women's health issues and of feminist and queer agendas. Topics can include, but are not limited to, menopause and midlife embodiment; contested illnesses such as chronic fatigue, reproductive justice and obstetric violences; prevention regarding, for example, HPV and breast cancer; sexual health stigma; and women's mental health. Moreover, as this year's theme emphasizes the transformative potential of critical social sciences, gender studies, and medical humanities in challenging dominant paradigms and fostering inclusive, justice-oriented approaches to health, we are especially interested in contributions that explore:

Interdisciplinary collaborations across academia, the arts, community-based research, and health care.

Activist scholarship and the intersections of research and advocacy.

Creative methodologies that bridge theory and practice, including visual, performative, and participatory approaches.

We encourage submissions from scholars at all career stages, as well as from artists, health care providers, and community organizers whose work engages with the politics of women's health and embodiment.

Join us in shaping a vibrant, critical, and inclusive dialogue on the future of women's health.

Women's Marginalized Health Network

WoMaHN was established in 2024 with the aim to gather researchers with an interest in marginalization of women's embodiment and health from perspectives within the critical social sciences, gender studies, philosophy, and medical humanities. In light of the academic and more recent public attention that has been given to the marginalization of women's embodiment and health, we seek to facilitate and build research collaborations which contributes to unpack the complexities of these issues. **WoMaHN is organized by eight key members:**

Marjolein de Boer, Tilburg University, The Netherlands (founder)

Lisa Guntram, Linköping University, Sweden (founder)

Birgitta Haga Gripsrud, University of Stavanger, Norway

Lisa Lindén, Chalmers University, Sweden

Jane Macnaughton, Durham University, the UK

Cassandra Phoenix, Durham University, the UK

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Abstract submission

Abstracts of up to 500 words should be submitted by November 7, 2025 through this online form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/Qe1GL8didV>

Upon submission you will be asked to choose between one of the following formats.

- **Traditional presentation:** 20 min presentation followed by 10 min Q&A.
- **Poster or audio/visual material** to present and summarize your research.
- **Creative formats:** Interactive formats to present your research which also engages the participants in the symposium (45 min sessions).

Applicants will be notified of the outcome by early December.

Venue and time

The symposium is held at [Lysebu Hotel](#), Oslo, Norway. The symposium begins with a lunch at 12.00 on April 22 and ends with a dinner on April 23.

Registration and fee

Only participants with accepted abstracts will be able to attend the symposium.

The fee for the symposium is 300 euros, excluding VAT. This includes lunch, snacks and a reception on April 22, lunch and a conference dinner on April 23, and coffee breaks throughout the days.

Registration, including payment of the fee, is required by January 16, 2026.

Travels and accommodation are paid for by the participants themselves. There will be rooms available at Lysebu and upon registration you will be able to indicate if would like to make a reservation.

If you have any questions please contact Lisa Guntram, lisa.guntram@liu.se and Marjolein de Boer, M.L.deBoer@tilburguniversity.edu. Information about the workshop and WoMaHN is also available at: <https://womahn.net/>