

## IECCCH Global Forum: Climate Change & Mental Health – Research, Risks, and Resilience

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### Agenda

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Time	Topic
09:45	Soft Opening
10:00	<b>Welcoming words / Introducing the International Expert Centre on Climate Change and Health (IECCCH)</b>  <b>Dr. Franziska Wolf</b> , Hamburg University of Applied Sciences, Germany
10:05-10:35	<b>Keynote lecture 1</b>  "Nature human mind and climate change"  <b>Prof Paolo Cianconi</b> , Catholic University of the Sacred Heart Rome, Italy
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<b>Parallel Session 1</b>	
10:40 – 12:00	<b>Room A:</b> <i>(session chair: Dr. Franziska Wolf, Hamburg University of Applied Sciences)</i>  <b>10:40-11:00</b>  "Climate Emotions in Early Childhood: A Culture-Evolutionary Framework for Peer Cultures", Dr. Jane Spiteri, University of Malta, Malta  <b>11:00-11:20</b>  "The role of climate-mental health in national adaption planning and research ethics: Insights from South American", Mr. Lucas Rekers, Climate Ethics and Development Foundation, Argentina  <b>11:20-11:40</b>  "Vulnerability and Adaptation to Heat Among Mental Health Patients and Health and Social Care Staff", Ms. Sarah Kainz, Johanniter Österreich Ausbildung und Forschung gemeinnützige GmbH, Austria

	<p><b>11:40-12:00</b></p> <p>Supporting Student Well-being in a Climate-Uncertain World: Insights from Integrated Learning Environments, Ms. Kadri Mettis, Tallinn University, Estonia</p> <p><b>Room B:</b> (session chair: tba)</p> <p><b>10:40-11:00</b></p> <p>Research priorities for climate change and mental health in sub-Saharan Africa, Prof. Monika dos Santos, University of South Africa, South Africa</p> <p><b>11:00-11:20</b></p> <p>“Psychological Distress and Eco-Anxiety among Rural Women Exposed to Extreme Heat in South India: A Cross-Sectional Study”, Mrs. Gayathri KG and Dr. Somnath Panda, Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research, India</p> <p><b>11:20-11:40</b></p> <p>“Assessing Climate Disaster–Induced Psychological Vulnerability in South Bengal: A Geospatial and Multivariate Statistical Approach”, Miss. Sudarshana Sinha, Indian Institute of Technology Khara, India</p> <p><b>11:40-12:00</b></p> <p>“Solastalgia: From Philosophical Concept to Psychiatric Institutionalization”, Dr. Flavien Falantin, Colby College, USA</p>
 12:00 – 12:10 Coffee Break	
 Opening of Breakout Rooms	
<b>Parallel Session 2</b>	
12:15 – 13:15	<p><b>Room A:</b> (session chair: tba)</p> <p><b>12:15-12:35</b></p> <p>“Intergenerational Transmission of Climate Anxiety: Family Dynamics and Children’s Psychosocial Vulnerability - Conceptual Analysis”, Mr. Amrith Swaroop V, Pondicherry University, India</p> <p><b>12:35-12:55</b></p> <p>“Perceived Environmental Injustice and Mental Health: The Moderating Influence of Approach and Avoidant Coping Strategies in Oloibiri, Nigeria”, Dr. Johnson Olusola, Federal University of Technology and Environmental Sciences, Nigeria</p>

	<p><b>12:55-13:15</b></p> <p>“The Psychological Effects of Climate Change: A Study Exploring the Prevalence of Eco-Anxiety, Depression, and Post-Traumatic Stress Among Flood-Affected Population of Bahrain, Swat, Pakistan, 2024”, Prof. Hashaam Akhtar, Health Services Academy, Pakistan</p> <p><b>Room B:</b> (session chair: <i>tba</i>)</p> <p><b>12:15-12:35</b></p> <p>“Climate Change Perceptual Awareness, Climate Change Worry and Pro-Environmental Behaviour: A Cross-Sectional Study among Social Work Trainees”, Ms. Navya K.S, Pondicherry University, India</p> <p><b>12:35-12:55</b></p> <p>“Ecological Grief Scale Development-Youth (EcoGriefYouth)”, Prof. Emine Didem Evci Kiraz, Adnan Menderes University, Turkey</p> <p><b>12:55-13:15</b></p> <p>“Influence of climate change on mental health conditions of German university students: A quantitative study”, Ms. Juliane Stolz, Hamburg University of Applied Sciences, Germany</p>
13:15-13:35	<p><b>MAIN ROOM</b></p> <p><b>Panel Discussion</b> - "Climate Change and Mental Health - towards new research frontiers"</p>
13:35	<p><b>Plenary: Closing Words</b> by the Organizer</p> <p><i><b>Dr. Franziska Wolf</b>, Interdisciplinary Expert Centre on Climate Change and Health (IECCCH), Hamburg University of Applied Science, Germany</i></p>
13:40	<p>Official End of Event &amp; virtual farewell to participants</p>

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