



ISM Lunchtime Seminar Series

The ISM Lunchtime Seminars are online monthly events, which take place on Thursdays, 12:00-12:30h, and are open to all interested colleagues and students. ISM researchers and guest speakers present their work during a 15 min seminar, in the English language, followed by a brief Q&A session.

We are happy to announce our next speaker: Dr. Freya Thiel from the research group *Epidemiology and Public (Mental) Health* (AG: Prof. Dr. Garthus-Niegel).

Title: Changes in Prevalence and Severity of Domestic Violence During the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Systematic Review

Abstract: To contain the spread of COVID-19, governmental measures were implemented in many countries. Media reports and initial empirical evidence highlight an increased risk for domestic violence (DV) during the pandemic. Nonetheless, a systematic review of studies regarding potential changes in DV during the pandemic as compared to pre-pandemic times is needed. We, therefore, examined empirical, peer-reviewed studies, pertaining to the potential change in prevalence and severity of DV during the COVID-19 pandemic, as reported by study participants. Data synthesis of 22 studies indicates that the severity of all types of DV as well as the prevalence of psychological/emotional and sexual DV increased for a significant number of victims. Data synthesis partly supports the previously documented increase in DV. Governmental measures should consider the availability of easily accessible, anonymous resources. Awareness and knowledge regarding DV need to be distributed to improve resources and clinical interventions.

When: 17th Mar 2022 at 12:00h

Where: MS-Teams (to join, please click [here](#))

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