2025 AUA Academic Conference and Workshops on "SAFE Reproductive Health"

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS (session speakers and poster presenters)
Deadline: December 20, 2024

Organizers: Chulalongkorn University and Asian Universities Alliance (AUA)
Co-hosts: School of Global Health, Faculty of Medicine
Office of International Affairs and Global Network
Conference Venue: Bhumisiri Building, King Chulalongkorn Memorial Hospital, Bangkok
Conference Date: February 25-26, 2025
Conference Webpage: https://sgh.md.chula.ac.th/news/5543/
Mode: Onsite (partially hybrid)

In an era that demands both innovation and collaboration across disciplines, the **2025 AUA Academic Conference and Workshops on "SAFE Reproductive Health"** emerges as a beacon of knowledge and progress in the field of reproductive health. Hosted by the **School of Global Health**, **Faculty of Medicine**, together with the **Office of International Affairs and Global Network**, **Chulalongkorn University**, this pioneering event is set to explore the multifaceted aspects of reproductive health, underlining the importance of comprehensive healthcare for sustainable societal development.

1. **Conference Theme:** The "SAFE Reproductive Health" conference aims to bring together a diverse group of professionals and academics from AUA universities and beyond to explore the transformative role of reproductive health in achieving sustainable development. Centered around the concept of SAFE—**Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, Access to Comprehensive Healthcare, Freedom from Violence, and Equality**, as well as **Sustainability, Accessibility, Freedom, and Equity**—the event will foster multidisciplinary collaboration and cross-cultural exchanges to address global reproductive health challenges. This conference also underscores the pivotal role of reproductive health in advancing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being), SDG 4 (Quality Education), SDG 5 (Gender Equality), SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure), SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities), and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals).

2. **Participation:** We encourage submissions from faculty members, students, policymakers, professionals, and academics in relevant practices who are open-minded and ready to explore reproductive health. We particularly welcome contributions addressing the needs of displaced people and marginalized populations, ensuring their perspectives and challenges

are integral to the discussions. This is a unique opportunity for AUA members and non-member participants alike to contribute to the global dialogue on reproductive health and promote equitable solutions for all communities.

3. **Call for Abstracts**

We invite you to submit your abstracts in relation to the following themes. There are two categories of calls for abstracts as below, kindly find the guiding information for each category. All submissions must be written in English language and be sent via email to jiayu.l@chula.ac.th.

- ***Reproductive Life Planning:*** This theme seeks abstracts addressing the importance of reproductive life planning, outline its key components, and explore strategies for integrating these services into sexual and reproductive health care.
- ***Safe Pregnancy and Childbirth:*** This theme seeks abstracts addressing the insights and strategies to ensure safe pregnancy outcomes and childbirth experiences, focusing on both maternal and neonatal health.
- ***Reproductive Cancers:*** This theme seeks abstracts addressing the prevention, early detection, and treatment of cancers affecting the reproductive system.
- ***AI and Women Health:*** This theme seeks abstracts addressing the intersection of technology and healthcare, showcasing how artificial intelligence and digital tools are transforming reproductive health services, from patient care to data management.
- ***Violence Against Women:*** This theme seeks abstracts addressing the prevalence, impact, and prevention of violence against women globally. We welcome research that highlights innovative strategies, challenges, and opportunities for advancing women's safety, health, and empowerment in diverse cultural and socioeconomic contexts.
- ***Sexual and Reproductive Health challenges in Asia:*** This theme seeks abstracts addressing the diverse challenges faced in sexual and reproductive health across Asia. Topics may include barriers to access, cultural and socioeconomic factors, adolescent reproductive health, contraception, maternal health, and policy implications.
- ***Sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) and HIV/AIDS:*** A critical discussion on the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases and HIV/AIDS, highlighting the latest advancements and challenges in managing these health issues.

a. Category I: Session/Workshop Speakers

- Please send your presentation title, abstract (maximum 250 words), CV (less than 2 pages) and brief bio (maximum 200 words). The organizer will provide 3-night accommodation costs for the selected speakers from AUA member universities. (Further information will be provided to the selected speakers in January 2025).

b. Category II: Poster presentation

- We invite you to submit abstracts of original research papers, working papers, published, unpublished works, that align with the conference themes.
- Please submit your research title, abstract (less than 350 words), keywords (no more than five), and CV (less than 2 pages), a brief bio (maximum 200 words) and the information of the co-author(s) (if applicable) and presenter(s).
- All accepted abstracts are eligible for scientific abstract competition. The winners will get certificates, prize awards, and registration fee waivers.

Poster Presentation Guidelines (for the selected presenters)

- The poster layout dimensions for a portrait format are A0 size which is 118.9 cm in height and 84.1 cm in width.
- At the top of your poster, state the title and authors in bold letters that are easy to read.
- Indicate the presenting author if different from the first author.
- Disclose your potential conflicts of interest.
- The text and the illustrations should be readable from a distance of 2 meters
- The authors are only required to be present during the poster session to discuss their posters with others.
- All posters will be displayed throughout the conference.

4. Important Dates:

- Deadline for abstract submission: December 20, 2024
- Notification of acceptance: January 10, 2025

5. Registration Fees

- **International participants:** Early Bird: 4000 THB; Standard: 4500 THB
- **Thai participants:** Early Bird: 2000 THB; Standard: 2500 THB
- **Early bird registration deadline:** January 31, 2025
- All AUA participants - selected session speakers, poster presenters, and audience members, are fully waived of registration fees.

Join Us: Together, let us innovate, collaborate, and shape the future of reproductive health. We look forward to welcoming you to Bangkok in 2025. For more information, please contact us at jiayu.l@chula.ac.th.

Program*
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***Subject to changes**

Day 1: Tuesday, February 25, 2025	
08.00-08.30	**Registration**
08.30-09.00	**Opening and Introduction** **Welcome Address** • Prof. Wilert Puriwat, D.Phil., President, Chulalongkorn University • Executive, AUA University (TBC) **Introduction to the Conference** • Prof. Unnop Jaisamrarn, M.D., Director of Global Women Health Programme, School of Global Health, Chulalongkorn University
09.00-09.40	**Keynote Lecture: SAFE Reproductive Health for Sustainable Development** • Executive, WHO South-East Asia Regional Office **Keynote Lecture: Impact of Contraceptive Use on Women's Health** • Dr. Moazzam Ali, Ph.D., Medical officer/Epidemiologist, Contraception and Fertility Care Sexual and Reproductive Health, WHO Headquarters, Geneva
09.40-10.00	**Group Photo** **Refreshment Break**
10:00-11:00	**Fertility Resilience & Reproductive Life Planning** • Prof. Kirsten Black, Ph. D., Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Neonatology, Faculty of Medicine and Health, University of Sydney • Prof. Unnop Jaisamrarn, M.D., Director of Global Women Health Programme, School of Global Health, Chulalongkorn University • Presenter (TBC)
11.00-12.00	**Latest Update on STDs and HIV/AIDS** • Prof. Kiat Ruxrungtham, M.D., Director, School of Global Health, Chulalongkorn University • Presenter (TBC) • Presenter (TBC)
12.00-13.00	**Lunch**
13.00-13.30	**Poster Session**
13.30-14.30	**Roadmap to Combat Postpartum Haemorrhage** • Prof. Pisake Lumbiganon, M.D., President, The Asia & Oceania Federation of Obstetrics & Gynaecology (AOFOG) • Dr. A. Metin Gülmezoğlu, Executive Director, Director ad interim Policy & Advocacy, Concept Foundation • Presenter (TBC)
14.30-14.50	**Refreshment Break**
14.50-15.50	**Strategies to Accelerate Cervical Cancers Elimination: Lessons for Countries in Asia** • Prof. Madelon L Finkel, Ph.D., Director, Office of Global Health Education, Weill Cornell Medical College • Assoc. Prof. Wichai Termrungruanglert, M.D., Head of Department. Obstetrics and Gynaecology, King Chulalongkorn Memorial Hospital • Presenter (TBC)

15.50-16.50	**Role of Digital Technology and AI in Reproductive Health** • Dr. Chaipat Chunharas, M.D., Neurologist, Cognitive, Clinical & Computational Neuroscience Lab, Chulalongkorn University • Presenter (TBC) • Presenter (TBC)
16.50-17.20	**Recap of Day 1**
19:30-21:30	**Welcome Dinner**

Day 2: Wednesday, February 26, 2025	
09.00-12.00	**Workshop 1: Violence Against Women (VAW) in Asia** • Understanding VAW • Role of stakeholders in VAW: step by step • Fighting against VAW in Asia: Supporting and Strengthening strategies Moderator: • Dr. Jiayu Li, Ph.D., Lecturer, School of Global Health, Faculty of Medicine, Chulalongkorn University Speakers: • Presenter (TBC) • Presenter (TBC) **Workshop 2: Sexual and Reproductive Health Challenges in Asia** • Situation of Sexual and Reproductive Health in Asia • Prioritization of Health Challenges • Next Steps: - Finding Solutions for Health Challenges - Collaborations for Future Activities Moderator: • Dr. Moazzam Ali, Ph.D., Medical officer/Epidemiologist, Contraception and Fertility Care Sexual and Reproductive Health, WHO Headquarters, Geneva Speakers: • Presenter (TBC) • Presenter (TBC)
12.00 –13.00	**Lunch Break**
13:00 –14:00	**A Wrap Up Roundtable Discussion: A Way Forward** Key take aways from sessions and exchanges of potential collaboration ideas in research, teaching and/or engagements in the future Co-moderators: • Prof. Unnop Jaisamrarn, Ph.D., Director of Global Women Health Programme, School of Global Health, Chulalongkorn University • Co-moderator (TBC)
14.00	**Award Presentation** **Closing remarks** • Assoc. Prof. Chanchai Sittipunt, M.D., Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Chulalongkorn University

End of the Program