

43rd annual GTP conference 2025:

Decolonizing Global Child Health: Critical Reflections and Dialogue for Ensuring the Right to Health of All Children Worldwide

Final Program (29.04.2025)

Friday

- 12:00 PM** **Registration**
- 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM** **Board meeting GTP e.V.**
- 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM** **Refreshments**
- 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM** **Pre-Conference Workshops (parallel sessions)**
- 1. Global Health Professional Exchange: Opportunities, Challenges, and Future Perspectives**, Irene Schmidt (GTP e.V., Germany), Tiavina Randrianarimalala (Antananarivo, Madagascar), Sylvie Anne Genier (Switzerland), Anna Njillo (Hamburg, Germany)
- 2. „Beat the Heat“ - Developing a Heat-Health Action Plan Protecting Health and Building Resilience**, Building on experience from an international audience to fuel discussion and exchange we will evaluate and develop concepts for various settings
Katharina Ruppert (Mainz, Germany), Prof. Diavolana Köcher (Madagascar), Dr. Alexander Weise (Kaltenkirchen, Germany), Dr. Sarah Kotsias-Konopelska (Berlin, Germany), Dr. Charlotte Adamczick (Switzerland), Dr. Nellie Bell (Freetown, Sierra Leone)
- 3. ETAT – Emergency Triage Assessment and Treatment**, Dr. Babara Zimmer (Münster, Germany), Simone Ross (Bonn, Germany), Anke Fischalek, Sara Loetz (The Gambia), Dr. Amie Conteh (The Gambia), Dr. Haja Sovula (Freetown, Sierra Leone)
- 4. Ultrasound in Low Resource Settings**, Dr. Tobias Wowra, Dr. Bernd Erkert, Dr. Anish Joshi (Kathmandu, Nepal), Dr. Namala Mkopi (Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania), Dr. Zainab Maluk (Blantyre, Malawi)
- 5. Language Mediation in Clinical Practice**, PD Dr. med. Amand Führer, (Halle, Germany)
- 6. FGM/C in Children**, Dr. Maryam En-Nosse, Dr. Leonie Wohlklang, Dr. Katharina Ulreich (Giessen, Germany)
- 7. Analyzing Images and Tropes of Migration in Public Media: Interactions between Affect and Narratives in Legacy and Social Media**, Dr. Simona Adinolfi (Giessen, Germany)
- 4:30 PM - 5:00 PM** **Coffee Break**
- 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM** **Conference Opening**
Dr. Sarah Kotsias-Konopelska, PD Dr. Robin Kobbe (Chairs GTP e.V.)
Prof. Dr. Katharina Lorenz (President JLU Giessen)
Prof. Dr. Jürgen Lohmeyer, (Dean, Faculty of Medicine, JLU Giessen)
His Excellency Mr. Joseph John Mpinganjira (Ambassador of the Republic of Malawi)
- joint conference chair:** Dr. Nellie Bell (Sierra Leone and GTP e.V.), Prof. Dr. Michael Knipper (JLU Giessen), cand. med. Sophia von Nasse (JLU Giessen)
- 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM** **Keynote: Prof. Dr. Anuj Kapilashrami** (University of Essex, UK)

- 6:10 PM - 7:15 PM Panel 1: Decolonizing Global Child Health and the Universal Right to Health of Children Worldwide: Starting the Conversation**
 Prof. Dr. Anuj Kapilashrami (Essex, UK), Dr. Nellie Bell (Sierra Leone and GTP e.V.), Dr. Cornelius Rau (GTP e.V., Germany), cand. med. Melina Althoff (JLU Giessen)
 Chairs: **Prof. Dr. Michael Knipper** (JLU Giessen), **Vera Scheuermeyer** (GTP e.V., Germany)
- 7:30 PM Get Together**

Saturday, May 3rd

9:00 AM - 10:15 AM Clinical Presentations (GTP e.V.), slot 1

Presentation of clinically relevant research and implementation projects and initiatives

Abstract presentations

- **J. Msikiti, Martina Fier** (Witten, Germany): Carer's perspectives of child health rights consideration during service delivery at a Malawian district hospital
- **Shamirah Nassonko** (Kampala, Uganda): Adolescent mental health and Child services in Communities in Uganda
- **Dr. Irem Tuncer Ebeturk** (Berlin, Germany): The Global Rise in Children's Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) Prevalence: A Macro-Sociological Explanation
- **Judith Steinhorst** (Witten, Germany): Evaluating the promotion of children's rights in health care at Dedza District Hospital, Malawi findings of a baseline survey among healthcare workers

Chairs: **Dr. Hammed Adetola** (Freetown, Sierra Leone), **Dr. Irene Eseohé Akhigbe** (Freetown, Sierra Leone)

10:15 AM - 10:30 AM Coffee Break

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Panel 2: Addressing Health Inequities through the Lens of Intersectionality: An In-depth Exploration of Racism and Other Forms of Discrimination That Affect Child Health and Well-Being

- **Prof. Dr. Delanjathan Devakumar** (University College London, UK): Racism, Xenophobia, Discrimination, and Global Child Health: From Research Evidence to Action
- **Gilda Sahebi** (Berlin, Germany): How we are trained in racism – A German Perspective
- **Prof. Dr. Greta Olson** (JLU Giessen): Images and Narratives of Otherness and Dehumanization Practices
- Discussant: **Dr. Nellie Bell** (Freetown, Sierra Leone)

Chairs: **Dr. Irene Ephraim** (Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania), **Prof. Dr. Michael Knipper** (JLU Giessen)

12:00 PM - 12:30 PM Presentation of the Code of Conduct by GTP e.V.

Dr. Sarah Kotsias-Konopelska (GTP e.V.), **Carmen Herr** (Alzey, Germany), **Karolina da Souza Friedrichsen** (Tübingen, Germany), **Claudia Eger** (Stuttgart, Germany)

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM Lunch Break

- 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Panel 3: Global Child Health Today:** International perspectives and challenges for the health and wellbeing of children worldwide, including violence, conflict and war
- **Dr. Hammed Adetola** (Freetown, Sierra Leone): Decolonizing Care: Neonatal care and nursing in a Post-Ebola country
 - **Dr. Irene Eseoho Akhigbe** (Freetown, Sierra Leone): Paternalism versus Autonomy in Child health: Would decolonisation be enough?
 - **Dr. Nataliia Masiak** (Kiev, Ukraine): Mental health and wellbeing of children in the context of violence and war in Ukraine
 - **Ann-Marie Nathan** (Frankfurt, Germany): Mental health and wellbeing of refugee children in Germany
- Chairs: **Dr. Amie Conteh** (The Gambia), **Prof. Elizabeth Molyneux** (UK)

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM Coffee break

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM Breakout-groups

Opportunity for joining moderated breakout groups (in different languages) for discussion and joint reflection of topics, impressions, ideas related to the panels in parallel small groups

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Posterwalk

5:30 PM General Assembly GTP e.V.

8:00 PM Social Event @ Brasserie zum Gambrinus

Klinikstraße 21, 35392 Giessen

Sunday, May 4th

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Clinical Presentations (GTP e.V.), slot 2

Presentation of clinically relevant research and implementation projects and initiatives

Abstract presentations

- **Florian Schneider** (Münster, Germany): Evaluation of the effectiveness and use of reusable menstrual kits in Northern Tanzania
- **Niels Ziegelasch** (London, UK): Ukrainian families' transnational living and perception of Germany's health care system in times of war

Chairs: **Dr. Hammed Adetola** (Freetown, Sierra Leone), **Dr. Irene Eseoho Akhigbe** (Freetown, Sierra Leone)

10:00 AM - 10:15 AM Coffee Break

10:15 AM - 12:15 PM Panel 4: Decolonizing International Cooperation? A conversation on historical experiences, powers, and perspectives

- **Dr. Philip Peprah** (Kapando, Ghana): Pediatric care in resource poor settings in rural and urban regions of Ghana
- **Dr. Namala Mkopi** (Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania): International cooperation in medical care, research and education
- **Norman Lufesi** (Lilongwe, Malawi): International cooperation in medical care, research and education

Short Break

- **Prof. Dr. Michael Krawinkel** (Frankfurt, Germany): History and development of GTP and tropical medicine, critical perspective on GTP and its work

- **Dr. Kathrin Baumgartner** (Cap Anamur e.V., GTP e.V., Passau, Germany): Decolonizing Aid: Empowering Self-Determination in Conflict Zones.
- Discussant: **Prof. Dr. Anuj Kapilashrami** (Essex, UK)
- **General Discussion**

Chairs: **Jerónimo da Conceição Augusto Sequeira** (Beira, Mozambique),
Diabolana Köcher (Madagaskar)

12:15 PM - 12:30 PM Coffee Break
12:30 PM - 12:45 PM Helmut Wolf Award ceremony
12:45 PM - 1:30 PM Recap, farewell & invitation to GTP conference 2026
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM Lunch/Snack

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