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4th annual specialist symposium

Preparing Populations.
Communicating Crisis.
Strengthening population medicine.
How do we do this?

Friday, November 13, 2026, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Gesundheitsamt Frankfurt am Main, Auditorium
Breite Gasse 28, 60313 Frankfurt am Main

Background

In an era where international instability and hybrid threats have become the new normal, we face a pressing question: How resilient is our society? While traditional security concepts often stop at protecting territory and infrastructure, a nation's true strength begins with the resilience of its population. This is where population medicine comes into play.

As the scientific-medical society for public health and population medicine, we address the central question defining our identity: What can we achieve that other actors cannot? Our answer is combining scientific evidence with the targeted strengthening of each individual's self-efficacy and health literacy. In this perception health security in as an active line of societal defense.

Our annual scientific symposium serves as a platform to define the mandate of population medicine and its actors. We look beyond national borders and learn from colleagues in the Ukraine and Israel where medical approaches operate under pressure on a daily basis. We analyze the evidence of how crisis management in Israel is turned into daily practice and how the ability to „switch gears" is cultivated; how administration and civil protection in Ukraine remain stable during existential crises; how the „whole-of-society" principle in Scandinavia strengthens general health literacy; and what creates a resilient foundation for the future.

We contrast experiences and evidence with the context in Germany. Yet, we aim to go beyond mere presentations. Our goal is to transfer knowledge into the practical application of population medicine within municipalities and public health authorities, and to explore what „systemic relevance" means health and medicine.

Organizer in Charge:

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08:30 a.m.	**Arrival**
09:00 a.m.	**Welcome and Opening** Prof. Dr. Jana Jünger Board DGÖGB
09:10 a.m.	**Moderation** Prof. Dr. Peter Tinnemann Board DGÖGB
20´	**Key Note** **The health system and civil defence** Generalstabsarzt Dr. Hans-Ulrich Holtherm German Army
30´	**Discussion**
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	**Block – Transforming from routine into crisis mode** **Moderation** Prof. Dr. Dr. Kai Zacharowski Universitätsmedizin Frankfurt
15´	**Changing mode. Tel Aviv Hospital goes underground** Dr. Zeev Lavie Dr. Daniel Trotzky Sourasky, Medical Center – Ichilov, Tel Aviv, Israel
15´	**How does a University Medical Center change into crisis mode?** Prof. Dr. Klaus Markstaller Universität Augsburg
30´	**Discussion**
11:00 – 11:30 a.m.	**Break**

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	**Block – Managing Populations. Functioning in war times.** **Moderation** Markus Röck Branddirektion Frankfurt am Main
15´	**Experiences from a city council in war times.** Ostap Protsyk School of Municipal Governance, Director, Advisor to the Mayor, Lviv, Ukraine
15´	**Continuity under fire: institutional adaptation, psychosocial support and international collaboration in Ukrainian medical education during war** Iryna Popova Bukovinian State Medical University, Chernivtsi, Ukraine
30´	**Discussion**
12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	**An Invitation to Collaborative, Generative Work**
60´	Today, knowledge unfolds not through one-way communication, but through dialogue. The symposium adopts a new methodological approach. Dialogue Tables We continue our collaborative work during the lunch break. At each table, a key figure from our topic areas – ranging from international experts, German army representatives to student representatives – is on hand to discuss questions raised with the aim to identify new approaches for practical implementation.
1:30 – 2:00 p.m.	**Lunch break**

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.	**Block – Preparing Populations. Communicating Crisis** **Moderation** Hartwin Möhrle
15´	**Using a "whole of society approach"** Swedish government (requested) Prof. Dr. Kristiina Patja, MD, PhD University of Helsinki
15´	**Establishing a network communicating crisis prepardness.** Dr. Andreas Pesch Polytechnische Gesellschaft
30´	**Discussion**
3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	**Coffee break**
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	**Block – Doing the right thing. Preparing the next generation** **Moderation** PD Dr. Nicolai Savaskan, Prof. Dr. Jana Jünger
15´	**School nurses as multipliers for societal resilience** Prof. Dr. Maulbecker-Armstrong Technische Hochschule Mittelhessen
15´	**Students needs to enhance health competencies** Eschel Ewert, State Student Representativ Schleswig-Holstein Laurenz Spies, State Student Representativ Hessen
30´	**Discussion**
4:30 p.m.	**Wrap-up and outlook** **Moderation** Prof. Dr. Jana Jünger, Prof. Dr. Peter Tinnemann

Event language

The event language will be English.

Registration

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/4-frankfurter-fachsymposium-dgogb-tickets-1998426905671

Contribution

We kindly ask you to contribute to the costs of hosting the symposium.

DGÖGB Members & Students: 50 euros
Non-members: 150 euros

Membership

You can find further information regarding membership (annual fee: 80 euros) of the German Society for Public Health and Population Medicine:

https://bevoelkerungsmedizin.de/de/mitgliedschaften/

Continuing Medical Education

This training is certified as Continuing Medical Education (CME) by the Hesse State Medical Association (Landesärztekammer Hessen) and carries 9 CME credits. (Scientific Director: Prof. Assoc. Dr. med. Raoul Hecker, MBA, MPH, LL.M.)

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Konstablerwache stop (also from the direction of the Central Station)

By car

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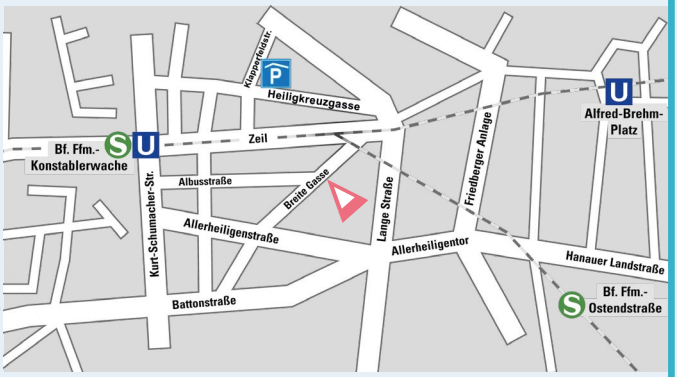
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