



## Call for Abstracts

### 4<sup>th</sup> ISSP User Conference on Health and Healthcare

Online, 24 November 2025

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The *International Social Survey Programme* (ISSP) is excited to launch the call for abstracts for the 4th ISSP user conference which will focus on the topic of Health and Healthcare.

Since 2011 the ISSP has collected two modules which are also available as a [cumulated data file](#), enabling cross-national analyses over time, covering topics such as self-reported health and well-being, personal experiences with healthcare (e.g. barriers due to cost, distance, or unfamiliarity with the system), and trust in the healthcare system. They also address the perceived importance of various healthcare areas (e.g. mental health, dental care, palliative care, health promotion), views on conventional vs. alternative medicine, healthcare regimes, and satisfaction with services. The 2021 module, *Health and Health Care II*, additionally includes questions on e-health, health inequality, stigma, vaccination, and optional items related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Researchers from all disciplines (e.g. political and social sciences, demography, economics, geography, public health) are invited to submit an abstract. Ideally, submissions should use ISSP data – preferably from the Health and Healthcare modules – analyzing one or more countries, at a single point in time or longitudinally. The conference offers a platform to present and discuss current research and to engage with ISSP researchers and the wider ISSP community.

To maximize participation, the 4th ISSP User Conference will be held online on **November 24, 2025, from 12:30 to 16:30 (CET)**.

#### Submission and Participation:

The deadline for abstract submission is **October 20, 2025**. Please submit proposals directly to the ISSP Secretariat at [issp.sec@gmail.com](mailto:issp.sec@gmail.com), using the subject line: “*Abstract 4th ISSP User Conference*.”

Abstracts should be no longer than **500 words** and clearly outline the research question, hypotheses, data and methods used, countries analysed, and preliminary findings. Please include **3–5 keywords** describing the topic of your study.

Authors will be notified of acceptance in the **last week of October 2025**.

**Registration** for the 4th ISSP User Conference will open at the end of September via the [ISSP website](#). Participation is **free of charge** and open to all interested researchers, but **registration is required**.