

International symposium

The Gender Specific/Sensitive Health Initiative from a glocalized perspective

Gender Specific/Sensitive Health (GSH) is an innovative multi-disciplinary approach to health care which was established by the Graduate School of Health Sciences Niigata University in 2009. GSH has its roots in Gender Specific Medicine (GSM). GSH is a new discipline for health research, practice and promotion specifically concerned with, and sensitive to, differences in sex and/or gender. There are many gender-based differences in health issues that may result from biological, psychological and social structures. For example, differences in gender roles, cultural norms and life-style have significant impacts on people's behavior, health risks and states of well-being. The center for GSH research and Practice Graduate School of Health Sciences Niigata University has been promoting GSH in a variety of ways: through its open lecture series, by advocating communities of practice and by sharing knowledge between professionals, practitioners, local community members and other stake-holders.

In this international symposium, we will discuss the GSH initiative from a glocalized perspective. Our specialist speakers will talk about the GSH experience in Thailand, Brazil and elsewhere. We welcome participation by people who are interested in male and female health issues and who wish to develop and encourage international understanding and cooperation. This is a rare and exciting opportunity to discover how GSH is the hub that connects a multiplicity of health professions, policies and practices. This international symposium will be conducted in English and Japanese with interpreters provided.

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Helminthology(Parasitology), Public health, School health

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Veterinary medicine, Parasitology, Public health

Ayako Nishihara: Lecturer within Graduate School of Health Sciences, Niigata University,
GSH promoter, Adult and community education, Organizational learning

Mitsuko Sayama: Professor, Graduate School of Health Sciences, Niigata University,
(Chairperson) *Maternal nursing, Women's health*

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