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Nourishing Societies: *Bridging Nutrition, Wellness,* *and Sustainability for a Healthier Future*



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Welcome Letters



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Dear Conference Participants,

On behalf of Common Ground Research Networks, I welcome you to the Sixteenth International Conference on Health, Wellness & Society.

Founded in 2011, the Health, Wellness, & Society Research Network is brought together by a common concern in the fields of human health and wellness, and in particular their social interconnections and implications. We seek to build an epistemic community where we can make linkages across disciplinary, geographic, and cultural boundaries.

This truly international conference brings together a diverse group of scholars, practitioners, and thought leaders from around the world. We are proud to provide a platform for exchanging ideas, and presenting research, addressing some of the pressing issues of our time.

Our conference theme, "Nourishing Societies: Bridging Nutrition, Wellness, and Sustainability for a Healthier Future," reflects our commitment to exploring new frontiers in research and practice. Over the next few days, In-Person or Online, you will have the opportunity to attend keynotes, panel discussions, and other session types led by our Emerging Scholars. We encourage you to take full advantage of these sessions to gain new insights, expand your professional network, and find inspiration for your own work.

We want to thank our keynote speakers Dr. René Cristóbal Crocker Sagastume and Dr. Jesús Alonso Amezcua López, conference chair Dr. Ixtlilxochitl Flores Fong, presenters, and volunteers whose dedication and hard work have made this conference possible. We also thank our host partner University of Guadalajara for their generous support.

We hope you find this conference to be an intellectually stimulating and rewarding experience. Your active participation is crucial to the success of this event, and we look forward to the lively discussions and valuable connections that will emerge over the next few days.

Warm regards,

Dr. Phillip Kalantzis Cope
Chief Social Scientist
Common Ground Research Networks

Dear conference attendees and research members,

I am delighted to welcome you to the sixteenth international conference on Health, Wellness and Society which will be held at the University of Guadalajara in Mexico on 10-11 September 2026. We are delighted to have a significant number of proposals from both virtual and in- person members and are looking forward to very fruitful exchanges during this blended edition.

This year, the special focus *Nourishing Societies: Bridging Nutrition, Wellness and Sustainability for a Healthier Future* allows us to explore some fundamental aspects of health and wellbeing in our society. The work presented here is highly important with an aim to promote high quality nutrition in society and showcase work in the area of nutritional science, with contributions from universities, industry and cultural associations. We hope to provide evidence that food shapes our health, wellbeing and reflects the diversity in our societies.

Beyond the special focus, presentations will also analyse more general health and wellness issues offering innovative analysis on pro-active health policies and practices.

The conference is set to be a great success thanks to the hard work of our local hosts alongside the team at CG Networks (Tamsyn, Phill and Alba). Thank you for this team effort which has allowed us to bring together researchers from across the globe. Please enjoy the stimulating discussions.

Best regards,



Louise Dalingwater

Professor, Faculty of Arts and Humanities, Sorbonne Université, Paris
Health, Wellness and Society Network Chair



Health, Wellness, & Society
Research Network

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The Physiological and the Psychological

Health and wellness is about each individual's responsibility to themselves to make good choices and proactive and preventative approaches to health that support optimum levels of physical, emotional, and social functioning – living a non-destructive lifestyle, focusing on purposefully positive health, and fostering a sense of general well-being. The foundation of health and wellness should be a socially accessible, culturally sensitive public and professional understanding of the most pressing health issues today – including awareness of risks and preventative measures to address cancer, cardiovascular health, STIs, obesity, nutrition, diabetes, chemical exposure, accidents, and violence, to name just a few of the range of actual and potential health threats.

Wellness is a process of becoming aware of and learning to make healthy choices that lead toward a longer and more fulfilling life. It is the recognition of the deep interconnections between physiological health and the psychological, physical, spiritual and social needs that are necessary for us to enjoy higher levels of human functioning.

The Social and the Medical

While health and wellness is a booming global industry, we are still falling short in educating world citizens on nutrition and lifestyle, how to avoid stress on the job, and how to be healthy and avoid disease. A clean and healthy environment, a safe workplace, access to nutritious unprocessed foods, housing, and healthcare are the foundations of a healthy life and well-being that is adequate in any and all economic socio-economic circumstances.

Interdisciplinary Health Sciences

None of the large and important questions about the relations between health and society can be tackled from single-disciplinary perspectives. For instance, how can health communications, particularly using the new social media, create a global health education classroom? How will the worldwide population finally acquire access to vaccines for common diseases? Will occupational health and safety follow economic and industrial development globally? Will research on aging give us longer, more productive lives or rather a longer non-productive life expectancy with no joy? Can cultural and ancestry-based personal medicine help eradicate disease?

Public Health

Societies as a whole, governments, and those involved in interdisciplinary medical research, public safety and community environmental health and literacy have an obligation to join together to solve the problems of today while at the same time planning for the problems arising from those successes.

The Physiology, Kinesiology, and Psychology of Wellness in its Social Context

On the dimensions of wellness in body and mind.

Living Tensions:

- Fundamental concepts of wellness: "goods," "bads," "shoulds"
- The psychology of wellness
- Health promoting behaviors
- Health risk appraisals, screenings, and interventions
- The measurement of wellness
- Evaluations of long-term impacts of health and wellness programs
- Health and wellness with disabilities
- Disability support services and independent living
- Physical fitness, aging, and the effects on health and wellness
- Health related fitness programs
- Physical fitness and its role in mental health
- Physical activity, self esteem, and wellness
- Health, fitness and media-driven concepts of beauty
- Media influences on health risk behaviors

Interdisciplinary Health Sciences

On the systematic study of human health.

Living Tensions:

- Cross-disciplinary and professional perspectives: medicine, nursing, pharmacy, dentistry, psychology, physical therapies, dietetics, social work, counseling, sports science
- Health technologies
- Home healthcare workers role in wellness
- Integration of complementary and alternative medicine into a health system
- Nutraceuticals and supplements for health
- Genome sciences, chronic disease prevention
- Personalized medicine
- The increasing role of psychological drugs
- The business of unwellness and the negative health industries
- Biomedical aging research
- Immunobiological research
- Epigenetics research
- Ancestry and health, traits, and diseases
- Regenerative medicine
- Biomedical occupational health and safety



Public Health Policies and Practices

On community responsibilities to foster wellness and proactive health policies and practices.

Living Tensions:

- Public health and communications technologies
- Sustainable innovation strategies in public health
- Global public health development and sustainability
- Public health provider development
- Public health and disease prevention
- Healthcare reform impacts
- New and emerging public health and safety risks
- Biosafety and biosecurity
- Acquired infections and health workers
- Environmental threats to health and wellness
- Community environmental health planning
- Occupational health and safety's role in health and wellness
- The food industry and government (FDA) food policy
- Immunization programs and serum banking
- Global availability of vaccines, the supply chain and supply economics
- Racial, ethnic, gender, socio-economic, and rural disparities in healthcare
- Life balance, health and wellness within community cultures
- The economics of health and wellness in society
- Poverty, health and wellness
- Infant and child health
- Social determinations of health and wellness
- Health, wellness and the effects of social exclusion
- The environment, quality of life and wellness.
- Urbanization in developing countries: environmental health impacts

Health Promotion and Education

On informal and formal health education.

Living Tensions:

- Promotion of health and well being
- Health literacy
- School physical education curriculum and its effects on health
- Wellness coaching and fitness for improved health
- Health education for non-literate populations
- Web-based health education
- Information technologies in healthcare
- Health and wellness in the workplace
- Health, life expectancy and the cost of living longer
- New and emerging health and safety risks
- Occupational health and safety education and training
- Institutional influences on health and wellness
- Quality of life, spirituality and wellness
- Nutrition for health and wellness
- The food linkage to unwellness

Louise Dalingwater

Professor, Sorbonne Université, Paris



Louise Dalingwater is Associate Professor of British Studies at Université Sorbonne Nouvelle in Paris. Her current research focuses on trade in services, health and wellbeing in the United Kingdom. Recent publications include two books on the UK service economy (*Les Services britanniques au 21^e siècle: une étude interdisciplinaire*, Presses universitaires de Nancy, 2015) a forthcoming monograph on health services, and several book chapters including "Transatlantic Services Trade and Investment: Dynamics of and Challenges to the Special Relationship" (Palgrave Macmillan) and "Shifting governance: TTIP and the public services debate" in a co-authored volume *Understanding Mega Trade Deals: The Political and Economic Governance of New Cross-Regionalism* (Routledge, 2017) edited with J.B. Velut, V. Bouillet & V. Peyronel. She has also authored articles in academic journals including in *Outre Terre* and *The International Journal of Health, Wellness and Society*.

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Dra. Avendaño ha trabajado 28 años como docente de la Facultad de Medicina de la Universidad de Concepción. Ha liderado la Unidad de Telemedicina desde hace 15 años. Ha implementado variados proyectos de Telemedicina y Telesalud para ofrecer acceso, oportunidad y calidad en las prestaciones de salud con uso de tecnologías de información y comunicación (TIC) a los ciudadanos y sus familias. Ha incorporado la Telemedicina en las mallas curriculares de las carreras de la salud. Participa en el Comité docente de las Cátedras Internacionales de Telemedicina de la RISAD. Dra. Avendaño ha sido la impulsora del Programa de Diplomado en Telemedicina y Tecnologías de Información en Salud el cual ha dirigido desde hace 5 años. Tiene participación activa en dos Proyectos Nacionales adjudicados por La Corporación de Fomento de la Producción de Chile (CORFO): Centro Nacional de Sistemas de Información en Salud, CENS, que reúne a 5 universidades chilenas, siendo la representante de la Facultad de Medicina; Subdirectora del Proyecto de "Lineamientos para el desarrollo de la Telemedicina y Telesalud en Chile", ambos proyectos en pleno desarrollo. Con motivo de la Pandemia lidera el Proyecto TeleCOVID19 UdeC, que tiene como objetivo disponibilizar una plataforma de detección de riesgo y teleconsultas para pacientes sospechosos de COVID-19.

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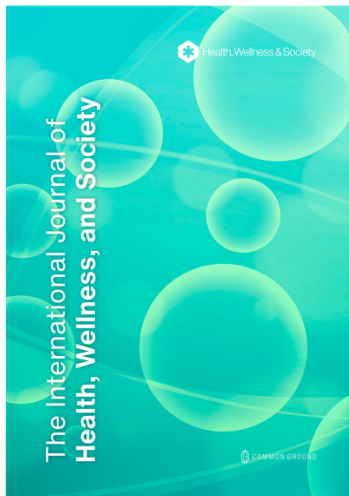
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- 2011 - University of California, Berkeley, USA
- 2012 - University Center, Chicago, USA
- 2013 - Escola Paulista de Medicina – Universidade Federal de Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo, Brazil
- 2014 - UBC Robson Square, Vancouver, Canada
- 2015 - Universidad de Alcalá, Madrid, Spain
- 2016 - Catholic University of America, USA
- 2017 - University of Denver, Denver, USA
- 2018 - Imperial College London, London, UK
- 2019 - University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, USA
- 2020 - Universite de la Sorbonne Nouvelle Paris 3, Paris, France (Virtual)
- 2021 - Sorbonne Universite, Paris, France
- 2022 - University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2023 - UBC Robson Square, Vancouver, Canada
- 2024 - Malmö University, Malmö, Sweden
- 2025 - University of Granada, Granada, Spain



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Dr. Ixtlilxochitl Flores Fong

Coordinator of the Bachelor's Degree in Nutrition, University Center of Health Sciences, University of Guadalajara, Mexico



Ixtlilxochitl Flores Fong is a distinguished nutritionist, educator, and public health leader. She holds a Master's in Clinical Nutrition from Universidad del Valle de México and a Bachelor's in Nutrition from the University Center for Health Sciences, University of Guadalajara. A Certified Nutritionist, Certified Diabetes Educator, and Lactation Consultant, she brings deep clinical and academic expertise.

Currently, she coordinates the Bachelor's Program in Nutrition at CUCS and serves as President of the Jalisco Chapter of the Mexican College of Nutritionists. She has led program accreditation, curriculum innovation, and the creation of trimester-based nutrition programs at UTEG University Center.

Passionate about community health, Ixtlilxochitl spearheads UTEG's Healthy Institution initiative, the Comprehensive Lactation Program, and is founder of SANE Nutrition (Health, Food, Nutrition, and Education A.C.). She has also helped establish institutional lactation rooms across Jalisco, reflecting her commitment to advancing nutrition, health, and education.

Dr. René Cristóbal Crocker Sagastume

Tenured Professor and Researcher at the University of Guadalajara's Health Sciences Center, Mexico



Pediatrician and Doctor in Applied Educational Research. He is a tenured professor and researcher at the University of Guadalajara's Health Sciences Center (Mexico). Member of the National System of Researchers (SNI, Mexico) and Coordinator of the Health Care Systems Innovation Section of AMFEM. His academic and research work focuses on primary health care, health sciences education, and interculturality, emphasizing community participation and traditional knowledge in Latin American contexts.

10 September 9:30 AM Guadalajara Time

Dr Jesús Alonso Amezcua López

Professor and researcher at Centro Universitario UTEG, Guadalajara, México



Dr Jesús Alonso Amezcua López is a professor and researcher at Centro Universitario UTEG, specialising in applied biotechnology and the nutrition of critically ill newborns. He currently leads projects focused on the development of powdered human milk and the design of adjuvant therapies aimed at the treatment and prevention of a range of pathologies.

He holds a PhD in Biotechnological Processes and conducts research in infectious diseases and biotherapeutic drugs, integrating innovative approaches to strengthen neonatal and paediatric health. His work is carried out in collaboration with specialised research groups, such as the Human Milk Research Laboratory at the University of Guadalajara, contributing to scientific and technological advances in this emerging field.

His career has been recognised internationally with distinctions including the Best Researcher Award in the "Biotechnology" category (2025) and the Latin American Award for Innovative Ideas (2023). In addition to his academic work, he maintains a strong social commitment, focused on improving quality of life and access to adequate nutrition for future generations.

11 September 9:30 AM Guadalajara Time

Each year a small number of Emerging Scholar Awards are given to outstanding early-career scholars or graduate students. Here are our 2026 Emerging Scholar Award Winners.

Bibek Thapa

Tribhuvan University,
Nepal



Mary Lusk

University of Florida,
United States



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University of Edinburgh,
United Kingdom



Christina Collins

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University of Nevada Las Vegas,
United States



Nyameka Spambo,

University of the Witwatersrand,
South Africa



Pre-Conference Walking Tour

From the Guide: "Walk Guadalajara by the hand of an expert! Discover the most emblematic sites and those that not even the locals know about it in the historic center of the city. We visit 15 historical points and ended the visit in one of the largest markets in America."

Tour Itinerary

1. Meeting at Plaza de la Liberación. We visit the main sights of downtown.
2. Visit the most emblematic buildings such as the Guadalajara Cathedral and the Government Palace.
3. We will also visit the Degollado Theater and the legends that surround it.
4. Learn the foundation of Guadalajara.
5. The tour ends in one of the most emblematic markets of the city.

Date: Wednesday, 9th of September 2026

Time: 5pm (2 hours walk)

Meeting Point: Liberation Square, at the Guadalajara sign (look for yellow umbrella)

Price: USD \$20

Conference Dinner

Discover Alma Jalisco — the soul of Mexico in the heart of Guadalajara.

From the restaurant: "Step into an unforgettable experience where tradition comes alive: the finest tequila, vibrant mariachi, colorful folklore, and exquisite gastronomy. With breathtaking views of the Pearl of Guadalajara, every detail of our décor tells a story of heritage and pride. At Alma Jalisco, you don't just dine — you celebrate Mexico."

Date: Friday, 11th September 2026

Time: 20:00 (8 PM)

Location: Alma Jalisco

Av. Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla 469-5to. piso, Zona Centro, 44100 Guadalajara, Jal., Mexico

Price: US\$70

Conference Welcome Reception

The Sixteenth International Conference on Health, Wellness & Society is pleased to announce the Conference Welcome Reception.

Mexican Afternoon Cocktail: Join us for a vibrant evening where Nutrition students take the spotlight, preparing refreshing drinks and delicious appetizers inspired by Mexican tradition.

Date: Thursday 10th September 2026

Time: After the last session of the day

Location: At the University

Online Welcome and Training Session

Join other delegates for a pre-conference welcome reception and training session. This special event will walk you through the CGScholar Event Mircosite so you have a rich online experience by learning how to comment and participate online. It will also teach delegates how to update their profile and Presenter Pages in order to add digital media: video, sound, other files. This will be held "live" via Zoom.

10 September 2026 - 10 Hours (Mexico Time Zone) / 10:00AM (Central Standard Time USA)

Online Talking Circle

Talking Circles are a distinctive feature of our in-person conference, and this year we are also taking them online. Talking Circles offer an opportunity to meet other delegates face-to-face, and engage in extended discussion about the issues and concerns they feel are of utmost importance to that segment of the Research Network. Participation is open, encouraged, and supported.

11 September 2026 - 10 Hours (Mexico Time Zone) / 10:00AM (Central Standard Time USA)



Common Ground Research Networks



Founded in 1984, Common Ground is committed to building new kinds of knowledge communities, innovative in their media, and forward-thinking in their messages. Heritage knowledge systems are characterized by vertical separations--of discipline, professional association, institution, and country. Common Ground Research Networks takes some of the pivotal challenges of our time and curates research networks that cut horizontally across legacy knowledge structures. Sustainability, diversity, learning, the future of humanities, the nature of interdisciplinarity, the place of the arts in society, technology's connections with knowledge--these are deeply important questions of our time that require interdisciplinary thinking, global conversations, and cross-institutional intellectual collaborations.

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The Common Ground Media Lab is the research and technology arm of Common Ground Research Networks. Common Ground Research Networks has been researching knowledge ecologies and building scholarly communication technologies since 1984.

Since 2009, we have had the fortune of being based in the University of Illinois Research Park while building our latest platform – CGScholar. This is a suite of apps based on the theoretical work of world-renowned scholars from the College of Education and Department of Computer Science at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. CGScholar has been built with the support of funding from the US Department of Education, Illinois Ventures, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

The CGScholar platform is being used today by knowledge workers as diverse as: faculty in universities to deliver e-learning experiences; innovative schools wishing to challenge the ways learning and assessment have traditionally worked; and government and non-government organizations connecting local knowledge and experience to wider policy objectives and measurable outcomes. Each of these use cases illustrates the differing of knowledge that CGScholar serves while also opening spaces for new and emerging voices in the world of scholarly communication.

We aim to synthesize these use cases to build a platform that can become a trusted marketplace for knowledge work, one that rigorously democratizes the process of knowledge-making, rewards participants, and offers a secure basis for the sustainable creation and distribution of digital knowledge artifacts.

Our premise has been that media platforms—pre-digital and now also digital—have often not been designed to structure and facilitate a rigorous, democratic, and a sustainable knowledge economy. The Common Ground Media Lab seeks to leverage our own platform – CGScholar – to explore alternatives based on extended dialogue, reflexive feedback, and formal knowledge ontologies. We are developing AI-informed measures of knowledge artifacts, knowledge actors, and digital knowledge communities. We aim to build a trusted marketplace for knowledge work, that rewards participants and sustains knowledge production.

With 27,000 published works and 200,000 users, we have come a long way since our first web app twenty years ago. But we still only see this as the beginning.

As a not-for-profit, we are fundamentally guided by mission: to support the building of better societies and informed citizenries through rigorous and inclusive social knowledge practices, offering in-person and online scholarly communication spaces

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Climate change is one of the most pressing problems facing our world today. It is in the interests of everyone that we engage in systemic change that averts climate catastrophe. At Common Ground Research Networks, we are committed to playing our part as an agent of transformation, promoting awareness, and making every attempt to lead by example. Our Climate Change: Impacts and Responses Research Network has been a forum for sharing critical findings and engaging scientific, theoretical, and practical issues that are raised by the realities of climate change. We've been a part of global policy debates as official observers at COP26 in Glasgow. And we are signatories of the United Nations Sustainability Publishers Compact and the United Nations Climate Neutral Now Initiative.

Measuring

In 2022 we start the process of tracking and measuring emissions for all aspects of what we do. The aim is to build a comprehensive picture of our baselines to identify areas where emissions can be reduced and construct a long-term plan of action based on the GHG Emissions Calculation Tool and standard established by the United Nations Climate Neutral Now Initiative.

Reducing

At the same time, we are not waiting to act. Here are some of the "low hanging fruit" initiatives we are moving on immediately: all conference programs from print to electronic-only; removing single-use cups and offering reusable bottles at all our conferences; working closely with all vendors, suppliers, and distributors on how we can work together to reduce waste; offering robust online options as a pathway to minimize travel. And this is only a small sample of what we'll be doing in the short term.

Contributing

As we work towards establishing and setting net-zero targets by 2050, as enshrined in the Paris Agreement and United Nations Climate Neutral Now Initiative, and to make further inroads in mitigating our impacts today, we are participating in the United Nations Carbon Offset program. As we see climate change as having broad social, economic, and political consequences, we are investing in the following projects.

- Fiji Nadarivatu Hydropower Project
- DelAgua Public Health Program in Eastern Africa
- Jangi Wind Farm in Gujarat

Long Term Goals

We're committing to long-term science-based net-zero targets for our operations – and we believe we can do this much sooner than 2050. We'll be reporting annually via The Climate Neutral Now reporting mechanism to transparently communicate how we are meeting our commitments to climate action.

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