

Call for papers 2026

SEXUALITY BETWEEN LAW AND HEALTH

The social and technological changes of recent decades have brought back to the forefront of academic debate crucial issues concerning self-determination, identity, and the protection of rights in the sphere of intimate relationships and human sexuality. These profound transformations have also been accompanied by recent developments in both national and international case law, which call for careful reflection within the academic community.

The journal *Diritto e salute*, in collaboration with the PRISMA Observatory (Pluralism, Relationships, Identity, Sexuality, Affective Models – <https://prisma.sp.unipi.it/>) and CESDIRSAN (Interdisciplinary Centre for Health Law Studies), invites contributions for a scholarly discussion on current issues concerning sexuality and the protection of health. By fostering this debate, *Diritto e salute*, PRISMA, and CESDIRSAN invite scholars to submit original scientific contributions, with particular encouragement given to interdisciplinary approaches and problem-oriented research.

Submissions may address one or more of the following topics, which are intended as illustrative rather than exhaustive:

- dignity, equality, and sexual freedom;
- self-determination, consent, and sexual freedom;
- gender identity and sexual orientation;
- sexuality and gender affirmation pathways;
- sexuality, self-determination, and the protection of minors;
- sexual and reproductive health;
- sexuality, disability, and conditions of vulnerability;
- the body, sexuality, and private autonomy;
- gender-based violence and mechanisms for the protection of individuals;
- privacy and the protection of personal data relating to sexual life;
- new technologies, artificial intelligence, and sexuality;
- consumerism and sexuality;
- liability arising from violations of sexual freedom and sexual self-determination;
- legal gender recognition and economic law: balancing fundamental rights and the sustainability of public expenditure;
- markets for goods related to the sexual wellness industry and adult content.

Scholars interested in responding to this call are invited to submit an abstract in Italian, English, or Spanish, not exceeding 2,000 characters (including spaces), in Word or PDF format, to cfp.dirittoesalute26@gmail.com. The submission should also include the author's full name, institutional affiliation (if any), contact email address, and telephone number.

The deadline for abstract submission is **14 September 2026**. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of the selection process by **30 September 2026**.

Authors whose proposals are accepted will be invited to develop their abstracts into full-length articles ranging from 35,000 to 70,000 characters (including spaces). Manuscripts must be submitted to the Journal no later than Thursday, **31 December 2026**.

Articles that successfully pass the double-anonymous peer-review process will be published in a special monographic issue of the Journal, scheduled for publication during the first quarter of 2027.

Authors of the selected contributions will also be invited to present the findings of their research at a conference organized under the auspices of the PRISMA Observatory in 2027.

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