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Thursday 5th March 2026 – Day 1

| TIME | ACTIVITY |
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| Before 09:30 | Individual arrival researchers |
| 09:30 – 10:00 | Welcome coffee |
| 10:00 – 10:10 | Welcome address by Thomas N. Friemel |
| 10:10 – 10:40 | Thematic input: Keynote Speech by Anne Lévy, Head of FOPH |
| 10:40 – 11:10 | Sneak preview of synthesis by Steering Committee members |
| 11:10 – 11:40 | Coffee break |
| 11:40 – 12:45 | ‘Policy’ Presentations by the research groups, moderated by Winfried Koeniger <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Swiss pandemic governance, Project Team Belser (15’) - Covid-19, trade and Labor, Project team Lalive (15’) - Swiss coronavirus policy and companies, Project Team Sturm (15’) - Frontline work in humanitarian crises, Project Team Drilling (15’) |
| 12:45 – 13:40 | Lunch |
| 13:40 – 14:30 | ‘Workers during a crisis’ Presentations by the research groups, moderated by Mathilde Bourrier <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Domestic workers and Covid-19, Project Team Carbajal (15’) - Urban essential workers, Project Team Kaufmann (15’) - Fair and beneficial home-working, Project Team Knecht (15’) |
| 14:30 – 14:45 | Break |
| 14:45 – 15:50 | ‘Well-being’ Presentations by the research groups, moderated by Tom Postmes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pandemic control in nursing homes, Project Team Drewniak/Krones (15’) - Intergenerational cohesion, Project Team Seifert (15’) - Social relationships in a pandemic, Project Team Scholz/Freund (15’) - Loneliness prevention, Project Team Elger (15’) |
| 15:50 – 16:50 | Interactive session (posters) with the research groups ‘Policy’, ‘Workers during a crisis’ and ‘Well-being’ |
| 16:50 – 17:35 | Panel discussion with stakeholders |
| 17:35 – 19:00 | Transfer to the Kornhauskeller Restaurant & Bar and Aperio |
| 19:00 | Dinner at the Kornhauskeller Restaurant & Bar |

Friday 6th March 2026 – Day 2

| TIME | ACTIVITY |
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| 08:30 – 08:35 | Opening remarks by Thomas N. Friemel |
| 08:35 – 09:40 | ‘Youth’ Presentations by the research groups, moderated by Ingrid Schoon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Digitising educational practice, Project Team Unger (15’) - Effects of Covid-19 on VET, Project Team Glauser (15’) - The Covid generation, Project Team Voorpostel (15’) - Urban spaces for young people, Project Team Kaschlik (15’) |
| 09:40 – 10:10 | Coffee break |
| 10:10 – 11:00 | ‘Children and families’ Presentations by the research groups, moderated by Samia Hurst <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Digital justice in family law, Project Team Cottier (15’) - Child protection – Covid-19 and beyond, Project Team Tausenfreund (15’) - Domestic violence, Project Team Krüger (15’) |
| 11:00 – 12:00 | Interactive session (posters) with the research groups ‘Youth’ and ‘Children and families’ |
| 12:00 – 13:00 | Lunch |
| 13:00 – 14:05 | ‘Societal reactions’ Presentations by the research groups, moderated by Thomas N. Friemel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Encouraging public discourse, Project Team Biller-Andorno (15’) - Data during a pandemic, Project Team Pignard-Cheynel (15’) - Coronavirus protests compared, Project Team Nachtwey (15’) - Religion and social responsibility, Project Team Schlieter (15’) |
| 14:05 – 14:20 | Break |
| 14:20 – 15:10 | ‘Vulnerabilities’ Presentations by the research groups, moderated by Michelle Beyeler <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inequity and well-being, Project Team Marti (15’) - Fit for crisis, Project Team Rosenstein (15’) - Poverty and social security, Project Team Hümbelin (15’) |
| 15:10 – 16:10 | Interactive session (posters) with the research groups ‘Societal reactions’, and ‘Vulnerabilities’ |
| 16:10 – 16:30 | Wrap up and farewell address by Thomas N. Friemel |