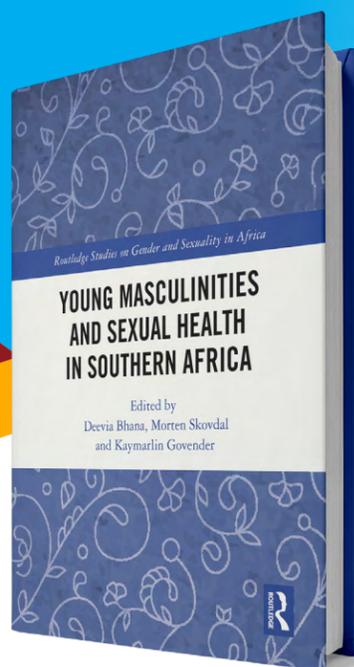


THE UNIVERSITY OF KWAZULU-NATAL, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN AND HEARD, CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO THE VIRTUAL BOOK LAUNCH OF

YOUNG MASCULINITIES AND SEXUAL HEALTH IN SOUTHERN AFRICA



Edited by
**Deevia Bhana, Morten Skovdal
& Kaymarlin Govender**



WEDNESDAY,
25 JUNE 2025



14H00 – 15H30
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You are invited to join us in the launch of *Young Masculinities and Sexual Health in Southern Africa* (Routledge), which brings together research that examines how young men navigate sexuality, gender, power, and health in diverse settings in Southern Africa. It is a collaboration between the University of KwaZulu-Natal, the SARChI in Gender and Childhood Sexuality, HEARD and the University of Copenhagen.

Through thematic chapters covering love, pleasure, social norms, risk, and HIV, the book emphasises the global importance of engaging young men in fostering gender equality and promoting healthier sexual practices. The book provides valuable insights for developing effective sexual health interventions that recognise and embrace 'other' masculinities. This book will be of interest to researchers across the fields of critical masculinity studies, sexual and reproductive health, gender studies and African studies, as well as policymakers, development practitioners and activists.

THE EDITORS



Deevia Bhana is a professor and South African Research Chair in Gender and Childhood Sexuality at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. Her research focuses on how gender and sexuality come to matter in the young life course. The book on *Young Masculinities* builds on her co-edited book, *Sex, Sexuality and Sexual Health in Southern Africa* (2023, Routledge).



Morten Skovdal is a community health psychologist and professor of participatory health research at the University of Copenhagen. He has a particular interest in involving children and young people in research, both to challenge dominant narratives, and to attune interventions to their lived realities. His latest book is entitled *Paradoxes of PrEP for HIV Prevention* (2025, Policy Press).



Kaymarlin Govender is the director of research at the Health Economics and HIV/AIDS Research Division (HEARD) Institute and a research professor in the College of Law and Management Studies at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. His most recent co-edited book is *Preventing HIV Among Young People in Southern and Eastern Africa: Emerging Evidence and Intervention Strategies* (2021, Routledge).

PROGRAMME

14H00 – 14H15 WELCOME

Young Masculinities and Sexual Health in Southern Africa

Deevia Bhana, University of KwaZulu-Natal
Morten Skovdal, University of Copenhagen
Kaymarlin Govender, University of KwaZulu-Natal

14H15 – 14H35 DISCUSSANT

Andrew Gibbs, University of Exeter

14H35 – 15H15 PANEL DISCUSSION

Love, Pleasure and Romance:

Melusi Dlamini, Rhodes University
Moshibudi Motimele, University of the Free State

Social Norms, Masculinity and Health:

Ndumiso Ngidi, University of KwaZulu-Natal
Sophie Bagnay, Imperial College London
Landa Mabenge, University of Cape Town

Masculinity and Sexual Risk:

Roselyn Kanyemba, University of Pretoria

Masculinity and HIV:

Tsitsi Masvawure, Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Lesley Gittings, Western University.

15H15 – 15H30 Q&A