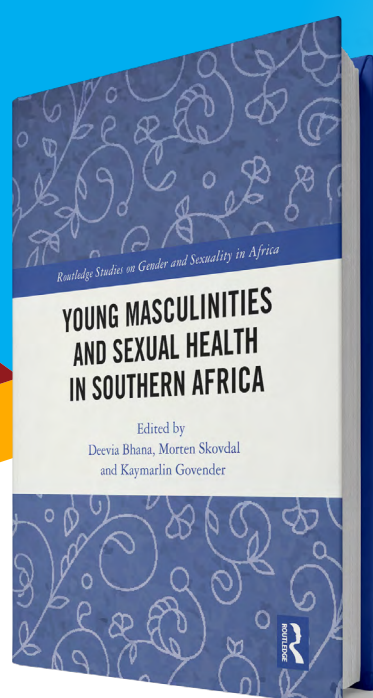


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CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO THE VIRTUAL BOOK LAUNCH OF

# 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