

DECOLONISING PAIN

**24-26
September,
2026**

Call for Submissions

The CAPS Research Network is delighted to host its 2nd Conference for scholars, practitioners, artists, and community members interested in critical approaches to pain. The theme of Decolonising Pain, invites critical reflection on how colonial histories and Western-centred frameworks have shaped contemporary understandings and management of pain. We warmly encourage submissions from early career researchers at any stage of their work, including ongoing projects, methodological reflections, creative explorations, and works in progress. We also would love to hear from people with lived experience, clinicians, and/or community contributors who are doing work in alternative spaces beyond academia

Topics

- Indigenous and culturally grounded understandings of pain
- Knowledge and practices from the Global South
- Anti-racist, feminist, disability justice, and intersectional approaches
- Community-led and participatory forms of knowledge production
- Creative, embodied, and arts-based explorations of pain
- Critical examinations of power, inequity, and exclusion in pain research and care

Important Dates

Submission Deadline

24 July, 2026

Notification of Outcome

03 August, 2026

Contact

Please submit direct questions to CAPS Research Network:
capsresearchnetwork@gmail.com

What to submit

- A written abstract (200 words max), with the option to include up to three images
- A video animation (2min max)

Submissions should answer:

- How does your submission engage with the conference theme, Decolonizing Pain?
- If accepted, how would you like to present your work?
- Do you have any audio-visual, material, or accessibility requirements?

Submission Link: [HERE](#)



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