

General Terms and Conditions

The SSA Congress 2026 is organised by Miriam Dengjel, Maël Dif-Pradalier, Susanne Edler, Andreas Hadjar, Annie Housh, Thomas Jammet, Francesca Poglia Mileti, Swetha Rao Dhananka, Petra Sauer, Marie Sautier, Muriel Surdez (further called organising team) in collaboration with the Swiss Sociological Association at the University of Fribourg, Campus Pérolles (Bd de Pérolles 90, 1700 Fribourg) and the HETS-Fribourg (Route des Arsenaux 16a, 1700 Fribourg).

The billing address is located at the Universität Fribourg, Unit Sociology, Social Policy, Social Work, Route des Bonnesfontaines 11, CH- 1700 Freiburg.

The congress will take place at the University of Fribourg – Campus Pérolles (Bd. De Pérolles 90, 1700 Fribourg), 02 and 04 September 2026 and the Haute Ecole de Travail Social Fribourg (Route des Arsenaux 16a, 1700 Fribourg) on 03 September 2026. Participants can register from May 15, 2026, onwards via the SSA Congress 2026 website. Upon registration each participant will receive an electronic confirmation and details of payment. On-site registration will not be available. If participants have not received the official registration confirmation within 3 days after their registration and after the payment, they must contact the congress organization office at ssa-conference2026@unifr.ch.

Registration fees are as stated on the website <https://ssa-congress26.sciencesconf.org/>.

Upon receipt of the registration confirmation, the participant is considered officially registered and agrees to pay the registration fees (cancellation conditions are described below). Final registration will be effective only after full payment by the participant. The price indicated is per person and is only applicable if the registration form and the payment are received before the deadlines mentioned. Registration and payment are possible until July 15, 2026.

The congress fees include access to the congress sessions, all coffee breaks, lunch breaks. The fees do not comprise travelling and accommodation costs.

The social event and congress dinner can be attended upon specific registration and are not included in the fees. Places are limited.

Other Provisions

Payments for registration must be settled and all prices are quoted in Swiss Francs (CHF). Payment in any other currency will not be accepted. Registrations received without payment will not be processed and confirmed. Registration will be confirmed by means of the confirmation of payment, which will be sent upon receipt of the registration fee by e-mail. Admittance to the congress without full registration including payment of the registration fee cannot be granted.

Payment and Payment Options

Online via the SSA Congress 2026 website.

Registration on the website will allow participants to pay via the online payment system using following payment methods: Eurocard/ Master Card, Visa Card, PostFinance Card, PostFinance e-finance, TWINT).

Congress Attendance

Upon arrival at the venue, all participants must register at the Congress Registration Desk. The desk will be open on 02 September from 12 p.m. Upon registration at the registration desk, the congress team will provide participants with detailed information about the event and a badge.

Cancellation Conditions

SSA Congress 2026 organising team reserves the right to cancel any registration forthwith and without liability on its part in the event of any damage to, or destruction of the venue by fire, shortage of labour, strikes, industrial unrest, or any other cause beyond the control of SSA Congress 2026, which shall prevent it from performing its obligations. In these circumstances, every effort will be made to find an alternative venue or propose a new date for the congress. Should the congress be cancelled for any reason, airfares, hotels or other costs incurred by the participants are not reimbursed by SSA Congress 2026.

Any participant may cancel their registration, but must notify the organising team by email.: ssa-conference2026@unifr.ch.

Should the participant cancel the congress participation, following refund scheme will be applied:

<i>Cancellation Policy excluding SSA Memberships</i>	<i>Reimbursement</i>
Cancellations until 01 July 2026	Congress Fee - processing fee CHF 25
Cancellations from 02 July - 31 July 2026	50% of congress fee
Cancellations from 1 August 2026	CHF 0

The reimbursement process takes up to several weeks and is handled by the Financial Services of the University of Fribourg.

Name Change

All registrations are only valid for the respective person mentioned in the form. A registered participant unable to attend the congress may nominate (free of charge) a substitute participant by notifying in writing the organising team by email at ssa-congress26@sciencesconf.org before 15.08.2026. The procedure allows changing the last name, first name, and email address for the new participant. However, we cannot change the invoice or make any other changes.

Personal Data

Personal data such as Name, Affiliation, Function and Membership will be treated confidentially and will not be transferred to any third parties.

Information is collected by an automated computer system which permits to manage registrations and will not be used for commercial purposes. Personal information is exclusively used by SSA Congress 2026 for registration management. Security and confidentiality are guaranteed by state-of-the-art technical tools. However, the organising team declines any responsibility concerning data security transmitted through the internet. In accordance with the Swiss law, SSA Congress 2026 does not collect any bank details such as the identity number of the credit/debit card, bank address and any other information.

Photography

The congress is held in public. Therefore, we do not ban participants and partners from taking photographs of congress activities and participants. By participating in the congress, you approve that general pictures will be taken and used for our Social Media output and our websites. You hereby waive any right to oppose the organisers making pictures available on the Internet.

Taking pictures of presentations is only allowed with the permission of the first author and otherwise strictly forbidden.

Disclaimer

The SSA Congress 2026 organising team cannot be held responsible for any loss, injury or damage to any property, whatever the cause may be. However, the liability of persons and enterprises providing means of transport or other services remains unaffected. Should, for any reason outside the organisers' control (e.g. political or economic circumstances or a case of 'force majeure'), the venue or speakers change, or the event be cancelled, the organiser will endeavor to reschedule, but shall not be held responsible for any costs, damage or expenses incurred by the participants. If for any reason the organising team decides to make material changes to this congress, the organising team is not responsible for airfares, hotels or other costs incurred by the participants. Participants take part in the congress at their own risk, including on all tours and trips.

Copyright

The participant is allowed to use the congress documentation exclusively for his/her personal needs.

SSA Congress 2026 - Code of Conduct

SSA Congress 2026 organising team is committed to providing a safe, productive, and welcoming environment for all meeting participants, including, but not limited to, attendees, speakers, volunteers, SSA Congress 2026 staff members or service providers. SSA Congress 2026 organising team has zero-tolerance for any form of discrimination or harassment, including but not limited to (sexual) harassment, intimidation, discrimination or verbal / written abuse. If you experience or hear

of any incidents of unacceptable behavior, we ask that you inform the organizing team at ssa-congress26@sciencesconf.org .

SSA Congress 2026 organising team reserves the right to take any action deemed necessary and appropriate, including immediate removal from the meeting without warning or refund, in response to any incident of unacceptable behavior.

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