

# Covid Stories.

## Narrations and Worldviews in the Covid-19 Pandemic

### International Workshop 11.–12. December 2025

The Covid-19 pandemic has revealed how diverse worldviews shape responses to crises. This workshop concludes the National Research project **“How Worldviews Shape Social Responsibility”** (NRP80) and explores how religious and secular narratives framed understandings of health, authority, risk, and solidarity during the crisis. Through interdisciplinary perspectives, we examine the **narratives**, **worldviews**, and the **pandemic’s crisis context**.

In what ways do **pandemic narratives reflect moral values and fears**, and how do they **reshape visions of future pathways** in response to uncertainty, vulnerability, and global interconnection?

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# WORKSHOP PROGRAM

## THURSDAY, 11.12.2025

13:00–13:15	Introduction
13:15–14:00	<i>Rebellische Katholiken und unterwürfige Protestanten? Historische Ideologie und Religiosität in ländlich-alpinen Gemeinden der Deutschschweiz</i> , Johannes Truffer, University of Basel
14:00–14:10	Break
14:10–14:55	<i>Shaping Intergenerational Family Relationships: The Role of Christian Worldviews during Covid-19</i> , Sebastian Schläfli, University of Lucerne
14:55–15:15	Break
15:15–16:00	<i>Rethinking Evidence in the Time of Pandemics: Scientific vs Narrative Rationality</i> , Eivind Engebretsen, University of Oslo
16:00–16:45	<i>RECOV-19: The Changing Role of Religion in Societies Emerging from Covid-19</i> , Kerstin Radde-Antweiler, University of Bremen
16:45–17:00	Break
17:00–17:30	<i>Covid und konspirative Weltsichten</i> , Jens Schlieter, University of Bern
18:00	Joint dinner for presenters and respondents

## FRIDAY, 12.12.2025

09:45–10:15	Welcome coffee
10:15–11:00	<i>Navigating Compliance. "Innovative" Handlungsweisen im Umgang mit neuen normativen Anforderungen in der Corona-Krise</i> , Carla Hagen, University of Bern & Kornelia Sammet, Berlin
11:00–11:45	<i>Auf wen hörst du? Autoritätsbeziehungen in Krisenzeiten</i> , Cornelia Niggli, University of Bern
11:45–12:00	Break
12:00–12:45	<i>Fighting contamination. Worldviews as Antagonistic Intersectional Orientations</i> , Andrea Rota, University of Oslo
12:45–13:30	Lunch
13:30–14:15	Closing discussion and publication planning
14:15–15:00	Stakeholder meeting

## RESPONDENTS

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## REGISTRATION

Please register by **December 9th** at [covid-stories.relwi@unibe.ch](mailto:covid-stories.relwi@unibe.ch). Let us know whether you will attend **online** or **in person**, and **which day(s)** you plan to participate.