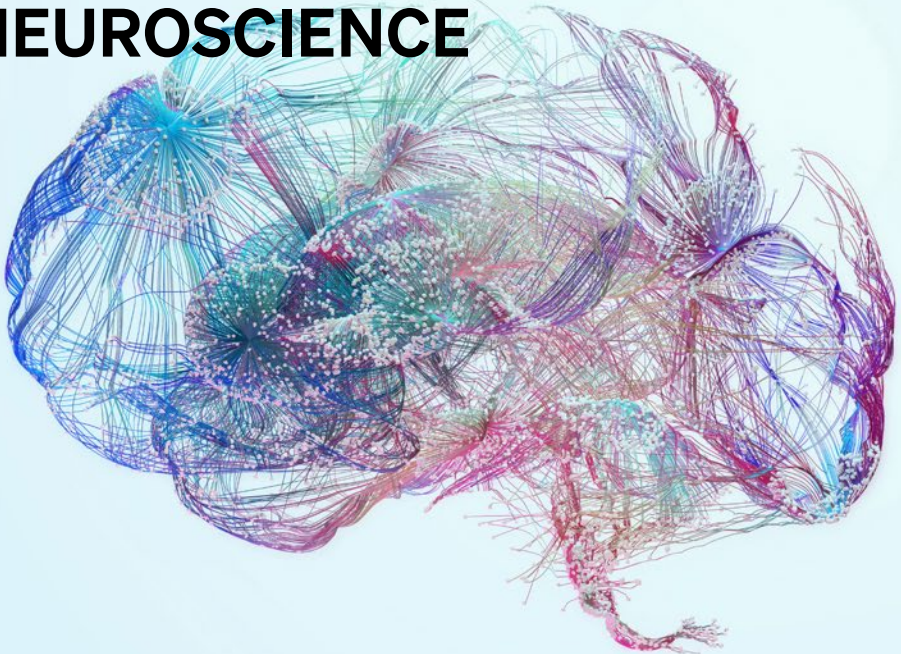


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**INAUGURAL LECTURES**

**BRIDGING MINDS AND  
MEDICINE: INSIGHTS  
FROM GLOBAL MENTAL  
HEALTH AND CLINICAL  
NEUROSCIENCE**



**ASS.-PROF. DR. MED. MONIKA MÜLLER, PHD  
PROF. DR. MED. THOMAS NYFFELER**

**WEDNESDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2025  
17.30–18.30, FOLLOWED BY AN APERITIF  
LECTURE HALL 9**

# INAUGURAL LECTURES

The Faculty of Health Sciences and Medicine at the University of Lucerne is pleased to invite you to the inaugural lectures of Ass.-Prof. Dr. med. Monika Müller and Prof. Dr. med. Thomas Nyffeler.

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## **Ass.-Prof. Dr. med. Monika Müller, PhD**

Assistant Professor (SNSF Starting Grant) for Psychiatry and Public Mental Health

### **Treatment of Severe Depression in the Global South: Innovation, Allyship, and Lessons for the Global North**



Mental health problems are rising worldwide, with depression as the leading cause of disability. In her inaugural lecture, Monika Müller will address this pressing challenge by drawing on innovative projects in Zimbabwe and India. She will explore how task-shifting in primary care and economic empowerment can expand access to treatment in low-resource settings. Beyond generating evidence for context-specific interventions, these initiatives foster equitable partnerships, strengthen local leadership, and offer valuable lessons for improving mental health care globally, including in high-income countries.

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## **Prof. Dr. med. Thomas Nyffeler, MD**

Professor of Medicine and Medical Sciences

### **Left visual neglect after right-hemispheric stroke – brain structures that are critical for the effect of therapeutic interventions**



The lecture discusses left visual neglect after right-hemispheric stroke, highlighting that current therapies are often ineffective or weak based on reviews and meta-analyses. Recent studies have identified brain structures critical for intervention effectiveness, but large clinical trials have generally overlooked lesion sites and their impact on patient response. The talk reviews evidence for the treatments auditory motion stimulation and non-invasive brain stimulation and offers recommendations for clinical practice and future research.

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## **PRACTICAL INFORMATION**

The two inaugural lectures will be held in English, are open to the public, and free of charge. Following the presentations, participants are invited to continue the discussion over drinks and snacks.

## **REGISTRATION**

Please register online  
by 10 November 2025.

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