The sexual and reproductive health of adolescents remains a longstanding and significant public health concern. Adolescents experience high rates of HIV, other sexually transmitted infections, early and unplanned pregnancies, and unsafe abortions. Most attempts to address these issues have focused on changing individual behaviors despite evidence of the sociocultural, political, and economic factors impacting adolescents’ sexual health including unequal access to health care and reproductive services, economic hardships, intergenerational sexual relationships, transactional sex, and male-child preference. While the adolescent literature has expanded to address some of the ecological factors shaping adolescent sexual health, there remains a scarcity of theoretical, conceptual, and empirical research investigating the complex interpersonal, social, and political factors impacting adolescent sexual health including HIV risk behaviors, stigma, access to STI/HIV treatment and care, reproductive health services, and sexual education within a school setting. This special issue will provide crucial and current strategies aimed at improving adolescent sexual health by tackling issues associated with the political, cultural, and societal levels influencing the sexual attitudes, behaviors, and decisions of youth globally.

This special issue is open to all in primary prevention, public health, sexual health, and related fields. We invite novel and original papers that extend or advance our empirical and/or conceptual understanding of adolescent sexual health including but not limited to longitudinal, cultural, and cross-cultural approaches, as well as intervention studies. Because the editors realize that some areas in the field have received little empirical investigation and others require new thinking about their theoretical or conceptual framework and/or the methodological approaches, studies addressing these areas are especially welcome. Full-length original research articles and conceptual/theoretical papers are welcome, as are brief reports, particularly of pilot studies.

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