

# Dr.sc. Andrea Burri

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Clinical Psychologist, Sexologist, Genetic Epidemiologist

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## Skills

- Sex and Relationship Counselling; over 15 years of experience with my own private practice
  - Sex Research; Genetic epidemiologic Research
  - Advisory & Consultancy in Sexual Medicine and Sexual Health
  - Lecturing; Supervision; Coaching
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## Current Position

06.2019-CURRENT

### **CEO & Founder / Private Institute for Sex Counselling and Sexual Sciences (ISCSS)**

Providing sex and couple's therapy, counselling & advisory, lecturing, knowledge dissemination and conducting research – all related to sexual health and medicine

2012-CURRENT

### **Visiting Research Fellow / King's College London, UK**

Department for Twin Research and Genetic Epidemiology

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## Previous Positions

2017-2018

### **Head of Psychosexology and Research / European Institute for Sexual Health**

Interdisciplinary treatment of sexual and urological conditions and problems. Hamburg, Germany

02.2016-12.2017

### **Senior Research Fellow / Auckland University of Technology, Auckland, New Zealand**

Faculty of Health and Environmental Sciences, School of Clinical Sciences

02.2013-02.2016

**SNFS Ambizione Fellow (Associate Professor Level) /  
University of Zurich, Switzerland**

Department of Psychology, Clinical Psychology Children/Adolescents & Couples/Family

04.2012-02.2013

**Post-Doctoral Research Fellow / University of Zurich,  
Switzerland**

Psychopathology and Clinical Intervention

04.201-02.2013

**Post-Doctoral Research Fellow / King's College London**

Twin Research and Genetic Epidemiology, School of Medicine

02.2011-06.2013

**Head of Psychology / Burnout M3 GmbH**

Department of Psychology, Clinical Psychology Children/Adolescents & Couples/Family

011.2010-03.2012

**Post-Doctoral Research Fellow / Queen Mary University,  
London, UK**

Department of Psychology, Clinical Psychology Children/Adolescents & Couples/Family

2004-2007

**Research Assistant / ETH Zurich, Switzerland**

Institute for Biology and Psychoneuroendocrinology

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## **Education**

14.2017

**EFS-ESSM Certified Psycho-Sexologist / European Society  
for Sexual Medicine and European Psychosexology  
Accreditation Committee**

10.2010

**Doctor of Science (PhD) / King's College London, UK**

King's College London, School of Medicine, Department of Twin Research and Genetic Epidemiology. Topic "The Epidemiology and Genetic Epidemiology of Female Sexual Dysfunction". Obtained: 21.10.2010

06.2007

**MSc Clinical Psychology / University of Zurich,  
Switzerland**

University of Zurich, Department of Psychology. Minor field of study: Psychopathology & Sexual Sciences (Hamburg)

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## Honors and Awards

04.2016

**Best Poster Award / NZPS New Plymouth, New Zealand**

06.2014

**Best Poster Award / EAPM Sibiu, Romania**

12.2012

**Best Presentation Award / ESSM Malaga, Spain**

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## Advisory and Consultancy

2021-CURRENT

**Atlas Pharmaceuticals / Pharmaceutical Company**

2021-CURRENT

**KANNA Inc. / Pharmaceutical Company**

2021-CURRENT

**WOW Tech Groupe / Intimate Product Producer**

2021

**Compagnie Digestif / Cultural Project**

2019-2020

**Sexy COPD Expert Group / University Hospital Zurich**

2013-2017

**Menarini Group Italy / Pharmaceutical Company**

2014-2018

**A. Menarini AG Switzerland / Pharmaceutical Company**

2014-2016

**Berlin Chemie / Pharmaceutical Company**

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## **Presentations and Chairing (a selection)**

**Invited Presentation, Menarini Advisory Board Meeting, 3<sup>rd</sup> of October 2017.** “Female Sexual Functioning and its Relationship with Male Sexual Functioning”.

**NZ Pain Society.** Invited speaker: “Epigenetics of Pain” and “Sexual Medicine and Pain”. Nelson, New Zealand, 2-4 March, 2017

**46th Behavior Genetics Annual Meeting.** Poster Presentation: “Are epigenetic factors involved in chronic widespread pain?” Brisbane, Australia, 20-23 June 2016.

**New Zealand Pain Society Annual Meeting.** Poster Presentation: “Are epigenetic factors involved in chronic widespread pain?”. New Plymouth, New Zealand 7-10 April 2016.

**ESSM Symposium . Invited Speaker and Chair:** “Reflections on PE – men’s most frequently reported sexual problem”. Porto, 27<sup>th</sup> of February 2016

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Scientific Conference of the European Association for Psychosomatic Medicine.** Oral presentation (accepted): Genetic Modelling of Chronic Widespread Pain. 2-4 Juli, Nuremberg, Germany.

**ESSM Symposium on “Practicing Sexual Medicine State of the Art 2015” . Invited Speaker and Chair:** “Sex and Partnership – What really counts and what not”. Torino, 26-27 June 2015

**Invited Guest Lecture: “Are women genetically predetermined to sexual dysfunctions”.** University of Porto, Department of Psychology, 16.06.2015

**ESSM Symposium on “Practicing Sexual Medicine State of the Art 2015” . Invited Speaker and Chair:** “Sex and Partnership – What really counts and what not”. Riga, 8-9 May 2015

**ESSM Symposium on “Practicing Sexual Medicine State of the Art 2015” . Invited Speaker and Chair:** “Sex and Partnership – What really counts and what not”. Athens, 27-28 February 2015

**17<sup>th</sup> Congress of the European Association for Sexual Medicine.** Invited Speaker: “The role of epigenetic factors in the development of female sexual problems”. Copenhagen, 5.02.2015.

**“ESSM Symposium on “Practicing Sexual Medicine State of the Art 2014” . Invited Speaker:** “Men’s Sexual Incompetence – Through the Eyes of the Women”. Prague, 31.10.2014

**Jahrestagung der Deutsche Gesellschaft für Urologie. Invited Speaker:** „Auswirkungen sexueller Funktionsstörungen des Mannes auf die Frau“. Düsseldorf, 03.10.2014

**“ESSM Symposium on “Practising Sexual Medicine State of the Art 2014” . Invited Speaker:** “Men’s Sexual Incompetence – Through the Eyes of the Women”. Lisbon, 12.09.2014

**Lilly Forum, Frankfurt, Germany. 09.05.2013. Invited Speaker.** “„Männliche Sexualstörungen – ein vorrangiges Frauenthema“

**29<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the European Association for Urology,. Invited Speaker:** “An investigation on ED patients’ insights”. Stockholm, 13.04.2014

**International Society for the Study of Women's Sexual Health (ISSWSH). Invited Speaker.** 20.-23.02.2104 San Diego, US.

**16<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the European Society for Sexual Medicine. 29.01-01.02.2014 Istanbul. Invited Speaker** "Women's asexuality – an extreme case of HSDD?". **Invited Speaker** "Genetic Factors in Female Sexual Problems". **Chair** "Somatoform disorder-related sexual problems in females"

**National Congress of Urology Portuguese Association (APU) – Priligy Symposium.** 10-13.10.2013, Algarve, Portugal. **Invited Speaker:** "PE: Women's Perception and Impact on Sexual Functioning and Satisfaction".

**International Symposium on Prostate, Androgens and Men's Sexual Health. Invited Speaker:** "PE: Women's Perception and Impact on Sexual Functioning and Satisfaction". Berlin, Germany, 21-23. 06. 2013

**European Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (ESTSS). Speaker:** "Childhood trauma and PTSD increase the risk of cognitive impairment in a sample of former indentured child laborers in old age". Bologna, Italy, **6-9.06.2013**

**Klinik Rheinfelden – Sexualtagung. Invited Speaker:** "Der weibliche Orgasmus: Mythos, Fakten und Kontroversen". Basel, Switzerland, 06.06.2013.

**"Women Inspire Innovation". Invited Speaker.** Organized by the Swiss Embassy and The Global Women's Leadership Initiative. Washington DC, US, 10. 04. 2013.

**15th Annual Meeting of the European Society for Sexual Medicine. Invited Speaker and Chair** for the Sarah Leiblum Master Lecture „Are women genetically predetermined to sexual problems?“ 08.12.2012, Amsterdam.

**8. Berner Symposium "Gehirn und Psyche". Invited Speaker** „Die Psychobiologie der weiblichen Sexualität: Implikationen genetisch-epidemiologischer Forschung für einen multidisziplinären Behandlungsansatz". Bern, Switzerland, 28.06.2011

**Dreiländertagung der Deutschen, Österreichischen und Schweizerischen Arbeitsgemeinschaften für Psychosomatische Gynäkologie und Geburtshilfe. Invited Speaker** „Weibliche Sexualität - alles genetisch determiniert? Basel, 15.-18.02.2012

**"Genetics and Human Sexual Behaviour". 13<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Twin Studies and Behavioral Medicine. Symposium Organizer and Invited Speaker:** Presentation on "Genetic and Environmental Influences on Female Sexual Dysfunctions: Results of a Genome-wide Association Study in an Unselected UK Twin Population". 4-13.06.2010, Seoul, South Korea.

**13<sup>th</sup> Congress of the European Society for Sexual Medicine, Malaga. Speaker:** "Putative Gene Loci for Female Sexual Dysfunction in Females: Results of a Genome-Wide Association Study in an Unselected Population". Malaga, Spain. 14-17.11.2010.

**Pfizer, Sandwich UK. Invited Speaker:** "The Genetic Epidemiology of Female Sexual Dysfunction". Pfizer, Sandwich, UK. 12<sup>th</sup> of October.

**Institute for Epidemiology and Prevention, University of Bern. Invited Speaker:** "The Genetic Epidemiology of Female 22<sup>nd</sup> of April 2010.

**Kings College London, School of Medicine. Speaker:** “The Genetics of Female Sexual Behaviour with a Special Focus on FSD”. School of Medicine, King’s College London, 27<sup>th</sup> of November 2009.

**International Association of Sex Research, Puerto Rico. Speaker:** “G-spot: Fiction or Friction? Results of a survey and classical twin study in 1800 females”. IASR 19-22 August 2009, San Juan – Puerto Rico

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## **Teaching and Lecturing (a selection)**

### **2015-2016**

**Classification, Aetiology/Pathogenesis, and Treatment of Sexual Dysfunctions;** University of Zurich, Department of Psychology. Full spring semester seminar (2 lessons), MSc level

**Sexual Medical Phenomena: Gender Identity Disorders and Paraphilias.** University of Zurich, Department of Psychology. Full spring semester seminar (2 lessons), MSc level

**Molecular Epidemiology of Somatoform and Sexual Disorders;** University of Zurich, Department of Psychology; Project group leader, MSc. Level

**Scientific Colloquium on Clinical Psychology for Child/Adolescents & Pairs/Family.** Colloquium leader, MSc. level

**Prevention Strategies for high Burnout risk individuals.** 3-day Workshop Leader for Burnout m3 (regular basis, 3-4x a year)

### **2014**

**Molecular Epidemiology of Somatoform and Sexual Disorders;** University of Zurich, Department of Psychology; Project group leader, MSc level

**Classification, Aetiology/Pathogenesis, and Treatment of Sexual Dysfunctions;** University of Zurich, Department of Psychology. Full spring semester seminar, MSc level

**Molecular Epidemiology of Somatoform and Sexual Disorders;** University of Zurich, Department of Psychology; Project group leader, MSc level

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### **2013**

**Classification, Aetiology/Pathogenesis, and Treatment of Sexual Dysfunctions;** University of Zurich, Department of Psychology. Full spring semester seminar, MSc level.

**Gender and Psychopathology;** University of Zurich, Department of Psychology; Full spring semester seminar, MSc level

**Epigenetic Changes underlying Trauma and Post-traumatic Stress Disorder;** University of Zurich, Department of Psychology; Full spring semester seminar. MSc level.

**Prevention Strategies for high Burnout risk individuals.** 3-day Workshop Leader for Burnout m3 (regular basis, 3-4x a year)

**2012**

**Sexual Dysfunction in Men and Women;** University of Zurich, Department of Psychology. Full spring semester seminar (2 lessons), MSc level

**Invited teacher**

**Current Research on Female Sexual Dysfunction;** Abo Akademi, Centre of Excellence in Behavioral Genetics, Turku, Finland. Full spring semester seminar, MSc level; 2012.

**Current Research on Female Sexual Dysfunction;** Abo Akademi, Centre of Excellence in Behavioral Genetics, Turku, Finland. Full winter semester seminar, MSc level; 2011.

**Bioethics and Genetic Research;** King`s College London, Centre for Biomedicine and Society, London, United Kingdom. Full spring semester seminar, MSc level; 2009.

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## **Research Collaborations (a selection)**

**University of Zurich, Department of Psychology, King`s College London,**

**University of Helsinki, Australian Twin Registry;** Risk and Resiliency for Somatization.

**Waitemata Pain Service, DHB.** Pain Chronification after Abdominal Surgery; Risk and Resiliency in Chronic Pain Patients.

Endocrinology Unit, **Maggiore-Bellaria Hospital, Medical Department** , Azienda-Usl Bologna , Bologna , Italy; Dr. Giovanni Corona – Pharmacological Treatment Efficacy in Male Sexual Problems.

**Institute of Urology, Andrology and Sexual Medicine,** Hamburg, Germany; Professor Hartmut Porst – Insights into Male Sexual Problems.

**Department of Health Promotion Science, Osaka University Graduate School of Medicine, Suita, Osaka, Japan;** Dr. Soshiro Ogata – Quantitative Genetic Approaches to Chronic Widespread Pain.

**Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Science, University of Washington, Seattle, US;** Dr. Peter Hilpert – Longitudinal Modelling using Maximum Likelihood and SEM.

**Institute of Molecular Life Sciences, University of Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland;** Professor Mark Robinson – Epigenetic (Methylation) Analyses of Chronic Widespread Pain

**Institute of Psychology, University of Zurich, Switzerland;** Professor Andreas Maercker – Epigenetic and Telomere Research into Posttraumatic Stress Disorder and Trauma

**Institute of Psychology, University of Zurich, Switzerland;** Professor Guy Bodenmann – Dyadic Dynamics: Partner-related Fascination and its Role for an Individual`s Sexual Health.

**School of Psychology and Counselling, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia;** Professor Robert Schweitzer – The Role of Interpersonal Factors in Female Sexual Functioning

**Department of Twin Research, King` s College London, United Kingdom;** Professor Timothy Spector and Fran Williams – Chronic Widespread Pain.

**Institute of Psychiatry, King' s College London, United Kingdom;** Dr. Qazi Rahman. Evolutionary Theories on Sexual Orientation

**Molecular Endocrinology & Genetics Laboratory, Australia.** Molecular Endocrinology of Sexual Dysfunction; Prof. Scott Wilson

**Department of Public Health, Qazvin University of Medical Sciences, Qazvin, Iran;** Dr. Amir Pakpour – Research on Various Aspects of Quality of Life as well as Validation and Cultural Adaption of a Range of Measurement Instruments.

**Queensland Institute of Medical Research, Australia.** Evolutionary Theories and Genetics of Human Mate Preferences; Dr. Brendan Zietsch, Prof. Nick Martin.

**University Akademi Abo, Centre of Excellence in Behavioral Genetics.** Genetic Epidemiology of Sexual Problems; Prof. Pekka Santilla, Prof. Kenneth Sandnabba

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## Media (a selection)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k6KYVzptN\\_g](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k6KYVzptN_g)

<http://www.srf.ch/play/tv/aeschbacher/video/andrea-burri?id=251e447f-73b1-41cf-98b9-cdc80ce79b12>

[http://www.dailymotion.com/video/xz3uyh\\_la-fantasia-del-punto-g-andrea-burri\\_school](http://www.dailymotion.com/video/xz3uyh_la-fantasia-del-punto-g-andrea-burri_school)

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