CALL FOR CHAPTERS

Technology-Facilitated Violence and Abuse:
International Perspectives and Experiences

Deadline: 1 June 2019

While digital technologies have led to many important social and cultural changes worldwide, they are also implicated in the facilitation of violence and abuse. Broadly framed, technology-facilitated violence and abuse encapsulates many and varied manifestations, including, but not limited to, image-based sexual abuse, sextortion, domestic and sexual violence, cyberbullying, trolling, hate-based harassment, voyeurism, technology-based coercive behaviour, electronic dating violence, cyberstalking, hate-speech and digital dating abuse.

The goal of this peer-reviewed edited collection is not to “blame” technology for the violence and abuse in which it is implicated, but to explore the role that technology plays in the complex web of factors that inform the commission of interpersonal aggression and its associated harms. By framing the term broadly, the collection seeks to address a spectrum of abuse perpetrated online, offline and through other technologies, including drones, AI, live-streaming and secret recording devices. It also seeks to set such violence and abuse in the context of underlying systemic drivers, including misogyny, racism, classism, colonialism, ableism, ageism, transphobia and homophobia.

This call for chapters seeks innovative, emancipatory scholarship for an interdisciplinary, intersectoral edited collection of original works. In addition to submissions from a variety of perspectives and academic disciplines, including law, anthropology, communication studies, criminology, legal studies, sociology, education, public and administrative studies, psychology, politics, women’s studies, gender studies, queer studies and media studies, we welcome submissions from practitioners and advocates working in the area of technology-facilitated violence and abuse around the globe to explore the prevalence, nature, impacts and harms of interpersonal violence and abuse committed in the digital age, as well as possible remedies and responses to address technology-facilitated violence. We encourage authors to consider the impact/importance of interdisciplinary collaborative efforts to better ensure meaningful and equal participation for all in digital society and in public life more generally.

Topics may include (but are not limited to):
• the nature and prevalence of technology-facilitated violence and abuse
• theoretical frameworks for conceptualizing technology-facilitated violence and abuse
• the impacts and harms of technology-facilitated violence and abuse
existing and proposed survivor-centred legal and non-legal reforms and remedies for addressing technology-facilitated violence and abuse (including analysis of existing laws and court decisions, recommendations for education and prevention, training and other suggestions to prevent, combat and raise awareness of the problems of technology-facilitated violence and abuse)

Abstract submission:
Interested contributors should send a 300-500 word abstract describing the chapter they would propose for inclusion in the collection, along with a 200 word bio to tfvcollection2019@gmail.com no later than 1 June 2019.

We will notify those who submit proposals whether their contribution has been accepted for inclusion in the collection by 15 July 2019 and full chapters (of 6,000 to 7,000 words) will be due by 28 February 2020.

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