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[I. SVRI Forum 2017 news](#)

Thanks to everyone who submitted abstracts for the SVRI Forum to be held at [Sheraton Grand Rio Hotel & Resort](#), Rio, Brazil on 18-21 September 2017. We have received over 620 abstracts and aiming to notify authors regarding submissions by 2 June 2017.

Please remember to register before 1 July to qualify for early registration. Registration fees and details are available online, at: <http://www.svri.org/forums/forum2017/registration.htm>

For more information about SVRI Forum 2017, please visit:  
<http://www.svri.org/forums/forum2017/index.htm>

[II. SVRI Grant – new reports and publications](#)

[Policy brief: Reducing spousal violence against women and girls in Dhaka slums – Evidence from SAFE. Icddr,b, 2017](#): This policy brief presents the main findings regarding SAFE'S impact on Spousal violence against women and girls and the pathways of change with specific recommendations for stakeholders.

### III. Journal articles

**Please note, to obtain a full copy of a journal article you may write to the author given as the contact person by the respective publishing house to request a copy.**

[Sexual assault and identity disruption: A sociological approach to posttraumatic stress. Boyle, K. M. Society and Mental Health. ePub, 2017:](#) This study illuminates the relationships between sexual assault, stigmatized identities, and mental health while addressing sociological questions about the cultural meanings and disruption of identities through traumatic interactions. [Source: Virginia Tech].

[Sexual revictimization: A routine activity theory explanation. Culatta E, Clay-Warner J, Boyle K.M, Assaf O. Journal of Interpersonal Violence. ePub, 2017:](#) The findings of this study suggest that depressive symptoms, a long acknowledged consequence of sexual victimization, should also be understood as a source of revictimization risk, indicating the importance of depression screening and intervention for decreasing sexual victimization. [Source: Virginia Tech].

[Parents and partners: moderating and mediating influences on intimate partner violence across adolescence and young adulthood. Kaufman-Parks A.M, DeMaris A, Giordano P.C, Manning W.D, Longmore M.A. J. Soc. Pers. Relat. ePub, 2017:](#) This study examines the influence of parent-child relationship factors and romantic relationship dynamics in both their main and interactive effects on intimate partner violence perpetration spanning adolescence through young adulthood. [Source: Safetylit].

[Sexual violence and intimate partner violence in college women with a mental health and/or behaviour disability. Bonomi A, Nichols E, Kammes R, Green T. J. Women's Health \(Liebert\). ePub, 2017:](#) This study addresses questions about how college women with a disability experience sexual violence (SV) and intimate partner violence (IPV) across partners, including disability-specific abuse and how SV/IPV impacts psychological, behavioural, physical, and academic life domains. [Source: Safetylit].

[Evidence-based policy responses to strengthen health, community and legislative systems that care for women in Australia with female genital mutilation / cutting. Varol N, Hall J.J, Black K, Turkmani S, Dawson A. Reprod Health. ePub, 2017:](#) This article reviews literature on research on female genital mutilation/ cutting (FGM/C) in Australia, which focuses on health system response to women and girls with FGM/C. [Source: Pubmed].

[Adolescents and pornography: a review of 20 years of research. Peter J, Valkenburg P.M. The Journal of sex research. 53\(4-5\), 509–531, 2016:](#) This article organizes empirical research that was published in peerreviewed English-language journals between 1995 and 2015 on the prevalence, predictors, and implications of adolescents' use of pornography. [Source: WHO].

### IV. Online publications and resources

[Gender-based violence in South Africa. Dartnall E, Channon. A. SaferSpaces, 2017:](#) This article explores what gender based violence (GBV) is and some of the forms it takes. It further examines GBV in South Africa, and begin to explore what different stakeholders are doing to respond to GBV. [Source: SaferSpaces].

[Preventing violent extremism through education: A guide for policy-makers. UNESCO, 2017:](#) This guide aims to help policy-makers within ministries of education to prioritize, plan and implement

effective preventive violent extremism programmes. [Source: WUNRN].

[The right to protection: Ending violence against children. SOS Children's Villages International, 2017:](#) Violence against children is one of the main reasons for family separation. Policy and programming must support parents as primary caregivers through the provision of universal and targeted services. Integrated strategies must foster non-violent, positive parenting, reduce vulnerable situations such as poverty through access to appropriate support, and strengthen safe and trauma-informed schools and communities. [Source: WUNRN].

[The sexual and reproductive health needs of very young adolescents aged 10–14 in developing countries: What does the evidence show? Woog V, Kågesten A. Guttmacher Institute, 2017:](#) This report examines and contributes to the existing evidence on the sexual and reproductive health (SRH) needs of very young adolescents in developing countries. The report includes a new analysis of data on sexual debut, marriage and childbearing before age 15 from national surveys conducted in more than 100 developing countries. [Source: Hivos].

[Changing the face of justice: Keys to the strategic litigation of the Sepur Zarco case. Impunity Watch and Alianza Rompiendo el Silencio y la Impunidad, 2017:](#) Developed in collaboration with the Alliance Breaking the Silence and Impunity, which litigated the landmark Sepur Zarco case on conflict-related sexual violence and sexual slavery as crimes against humanity within the Guatemalan domestic courts, the report examines the main strategies that were resorted to in its successful strategic litigation. It furthermore analyses the broader socio-political impact of the trial and verdict, and puts forth reflections and lessons learned that could serve as inspiration to other survivors of conflict-related violence against women in Guatemala and beyond. [Source: Impunity Watch].

[Strengthening CSO – government partnerships to scale up approaches to engaging men and boys for gender equality and SRHR: A tool for action. Kato-Wallace J, Foss A. Promundo-US, 2016:](#) This tool provides guidance on good partnership practices that can facilitate productive conversations and promote strong relationships between civil society organisations (CSOs) and government representatives on engaging men and boys in gender equality and sexual and reproductive health and rights. [Source: Promundo].

#### V. Research opportunities, grants and funding

[Special issue call for papers: Journal of Sexual Aggression – An international, interdisciplinary forum for research, theory and practice:](#) The Journal of Sexual Aggression is seeking submissions for a special issue on prevention, *The prevention of sexual abuse and violence – What have we learned and where should we be heading?* This special issue aims to advance the theoretical and empirical knowledge base on current developments in the prevention of sexual abuse and violence. Submissions must be in the range of 4,000 to 6,000 words (including title page, main body of the article, footnotes, references, tables and figures), excluding the abstract. The abstract must be no longer than 150 words. Submission deadline: 1 December 2017. [Source: Prevent Connect].

#### VI. Advocacy and awareness raising

[Blog: Pathways between childhood trauma, intimate partner violence, and harsh parenting – findings from the UN Multi-Country Study on Men and Violence in Asia and the Pacific, 24 May 2017:](#) Child maltreatment and intimate partner violence (IPV) are global public health issues. While violence against children (VAC) and violence against women (VAW) have generally been addressed

separately, more recently researchers and practitioners have focused on the intersections of violence. Read more [here](#).

[Blog: Violence prevention programmes – Considerations for selection and implementation, 22 May 2017](#): Implementation of evidence-based primary prevention programmes across the lifespan is essential if we are to achieve the development goals of the National Development Plan. Since policymakers and implementing organisations face the challenge of deciding which violence prevention programmes to invest in, and how to effectively and sustainably implement them at scale, Anik Gevers and Elizabeth Dartnall offer this [blogpost](#) as a guide.

[Blog: Could supporting parents in sharing picture books with their young children help prevent violence? 10 April 2017](#): Read this blog to explore how parenting intervention, developed by the Mikhulu Trust – which successfully trialled in South Africa, holds great promise as early violence prevention initiative. [Source: SaferSpaces].

## VII. News

[Ghana launches its national strategic framework on ending child marriage, Girls Not Brides, 23 May 2017](#): On 23 May 2017, Ghana showed its determination to end child marriage and bring about change in the lives of girls. The Minister for Gender, Children and Social Protection, Otiko Afisa Djaba, launched a strategy mapping how the government will address child marriage between 2017 and 2026.

[Why should human rights funders care about digital security? Awid News and Analysis, 19 May 2017](#): At a recent gathering of women human rights defenders from countries with unprecedented levels of backlash against civil society groups, something out of the ordinary happened. At this timely meeting, organized by Mama Cash, all participants and organizers, affirmed that digital security was a critical agenda item.

[Sexual Violence is a “Threat to Security and Durable Peace”, IPS News Agency, 17 May 2017](#): Sexual violence is increasingly becoming a tactic of terrorism in conflict areas; approximately one in five refugees or displaced women have experienced some form of sexual violence.

## VIII. Events

[Webinar: Preventing intimate partner violence across the lifespan: A technical package of programs, policies, and practices, 27 June 2017](#): In this web conference, presenters will explore how CDC's technical package titled *Preventing Intimate Partner Violence Across the Lifespan: A Technical Package of Programs, Policies, and Practices* can support prevention program decision-making, identify resources to support prevention practice, and examine potential sectors to involve in prevention efforts. [Source: Prevent Connect].

[Online discussion: Ethical challenges in participatory projects: Power, ownership and control – when we give young people a platform how prepared are we to listen to what they have to say? 28 June 2017](#): This is the first online discussion organized by The Our Voices Research and Practice Network coordinated by the International Centre: researching child sexual exploitation, violence and trafficking (IC) at the University of Bedfordshire in the UK. During the discussion participants will share a case example of an ethical challenge that has arisen in a participatory project. If you wish to join the session please make sure that you register to [join the network](#) and email [elizabeth.ackerley@beds.ac.uk](mailto:elizabeth.ackerley@beds.ac.uk) to reserve a place and receive further details. [Source: International Centre: researching child sexual exploitation, violence and trafficking, University of Bedfordshire].

[Understanding and responding to forced marriage, 'honour' based violence, transnational marriage abandonment and dowry violence, 7 July 2017, London, UK](#): This seminar will provide an overview on particular forms of domestic violence such as forced marriage, 'honour'-based violence, transnational marriage abandonment and dowry violence. It will examine the specificities of these forms of violence as well as the commonalities between these manifestations of violence against women and girls (VAWG) and other more 'mainstream' forms of VAWG in order to understand the common socio-cultural roots of such violences. It will explore the impact on South Asian women in the UK in particular, though the implications for other communities will also be addressed. [Source: University of Bedfordshire].

[Parenting post-abuse, 6 September 2017, London, UK](#): This course will explore the impacts of abuse on parenting, children and the parent-child relationship. Using the latest neuroscience research as well as relevant counselling, parenting and trauma informed research, delegates will explore ways of working with families post abuse. [Source: Against Violence and Abuse].

**For more events visit: <http://www.svri.org/event-calendar>**

## IX. Vacancies

[Gender Research Consultant](#) / United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees / Home-based / Closing date: 31 May 2017. [Source: UNHCR].

[Initiative Associate](#) / NoVo Foundation / New York, USA / Closing date: 7 June 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Program Assistant, Advocacy and Policy](#) / The International Women's Health Coalition / New York, USA / Closing date: 9 June 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Head of Media and Communications](#) / Plan International / Woking, UK / Closing date: 12 June 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Program Assistant- Program on Sexual Violence in Conflict Zones](#) / Physicians for Human Rights / USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: Physicians for Human Rights].

[Staff Attorney, Judicial Strategy](#) / The Center for Reproductive Rights (the Center) / New York, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Northern Triangle Senior Protection Specialist](#) / International Rescue Committee / Global / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: IRC].

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Sexual violence is a global issue that requires coordinated evidence-based responses.

The Sexual Violence Research Initiative is hosted by the Medical Research Council, South Africa. The SVRI aims to increase awareness and promote research on sexual violence and its linkages to other forms of violence to influence policy and practice, particularly in low and middle income countries.

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