Dear SVRI List Members

This SVRI Update contains a variety of sexual violence related research and resources. If you would like to have your sexual violence related resources included in the Update, please send your materials to svri@mrc.ac.za. For more information and resources on sexual violence and the Sexual Violence Research Initiative visit www.svri.org. Please note that the SVRI Updates are also available on our Facebook page.

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I. SVRI Forum 2017: Introducing Key Note Speakers

The SVRI Forum 2017 will provide a platform for showcasing research and innovation in the field enabling participants to learn about new and tested interventions on how to end sexual violence, intimate partner violence and child abuse and maltreatment. The SVRI Forum 2017 will have various participation modalities including but not limited to: abstract-driven presentations to meetings, plenary and networking sessions, poster presentations, parallel events. The forum will feature key note speakers, and this week we are introducing to you, Jacqueline Pitanguy.

Jacqueline Pitanguy, a sociologist and political scientist, is the Founder and Director of Cidadania, Estudo, Pesquisa, Informação e Ação (CEPIA), a non-governmental organization based in Rio de Janeiro. At CEPIA Ms. Pitanguy coordinates research on gender issues and facilitates advocacy and educational programs relating to violence against women and reproductive health. She has been a Professor at the Pontificia Universidade Católica de Rio de Janeiro and at Rutgers University, where she held the Laurie New Jersey Chair in Women’s Studies from 1991-92. She held a cabinet position as President of the National Council for Women’s Rights (1986-89), designing and implementing public policies to improve women’s condition in Brazil.

Ms. Pitanguy serves on a number of international boards, including the Inter-American Dialogue, the Institute for Education of UNESCO, the Society for International Development, the Global Fund for Women, and the International Human Rights Council, headed by former President Jimmy Carter at the Carter Center. She has published extensively and serves on the editorial boards of Harvard

Ms. Pitanguy speaks widely in national and international fora on reproductive health and gender issues. She is a recipient of the Medal of Rio Branco, the highest decoration of the Brazilian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Read more about SVRI Forum 2017 here

We look forward to seeing you all in Rio!

II. 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.


The impact of adverse childhood experiences on health service use across the life course using a retrospective cohort study. Bellis M, Hughes K, Hardcastle K, Ashton K, Ford K, Quigg Z, Davies A. Journal of Health Services Research & Policy. 22(3), 168–177, 2017: The lifelong health impacts of adverse childhood experiences are increasingly being identified, including earlier and more frequent development of non-communicable disease. This study examines whether adverse childhood experiences are related to increased use of primary, emergency and in-patient care and at what ages such impact is apparent. [Source: WHO].


Child sexual abuse and HIV-related substance use and sexual risk across the life course among males and females. Scheidell J.D, Kumar P.C, Campion T, Quinn K, Beharie N, McGorray S.P, Khan M.R. J Child Sex Abus. 26(5), 519-534, 2017: In this study, authors use the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescents to Adult Health to measure associations between child sexual abuse and substance use and sexual risk behaviours during adolescence, young adulthood, and adulthood among males and females. [Source: PubMed].


Sex in the shadow of HIV: A systematic review of prevalence, risk factors, and interventions to reduce sexual risk-taking among HIV-positive adolescents and youth in sub-Saharan Africa. Toska E,

III. Online Publications and Resources

Economic impacts of child marriage: Work, earnings and household welfare brief. Wodon Q, Savadogo A, Kes A. The World Bank and International Center for Research on Women. 2017: The brief summarizes results from an analysis of the impacts of child marriage on women’s work (specifically, labour force participation and type of work held), earnings and productivity and household welfare. It also estimates selected economic costs of these impacts. [Source: ICRW].

Common cause, collaborative response: Violence against women and girls and sexual and reproductive health and rights. Spencer. ActionAid UK. 2017: This report sets out how intimate partner violence limits women’s voice, choice and control over their bodies, and the exacerbating effect of child marriage and female genital mutilation, especially on adolescent girls. [Source: ActionAid UK].

Gender based violence research methodologies in humanitarian settings: An evidence review and recommendations. Hossain M, McAlpine A. Elrha. 2017: This guidance document offers recommendations in areas of research methodology and research ethics to support researchers in developing humanitarian gender based violence (GBV) themed research proposals for R2HC and other GBV funding opportunities. [Source: Elrha].

IV. Research Opportunities, Grants and Funding

5th Call for proposals by R2HC: This call seeks proposals that address specific or multiple public health issues by gathering evidence with the potential to contribute to improved public health outcomes in humanitarian contexts. Through this call, R2HC encourages research that informs the prioritisation of public health humanitarian interventions and maximising value for money. Deadline: 16 August 2017. [Source: Elrha].

V. Advocacy and Awareness Raising

2017 launch of the campaign to Prevent and End Violence Against Children and Youth: Women's World Summit Foundation is happy to inform you of the online launch of the 7th edition of their annual Campaign Kit, 19 Days of Activism for prevention of violence against children and youth 1-19 November 2017. They have linked their Call to Action to the Sustainable Development Agenda 2030, which went into effect as of 2016. You are invited to register your planned activities online, which they will publish on their website for all other coalition members to see and be inspired by your programs.

VI. News

Announcement from LSHTM Gender Violence and Health Centre - Leadership change, SVRI News, 13 July 2017: Dr. Lori Heise will no longer lead the Gender Violence and Health Centre and the staff members are grateful for all her support and hard work in making the centre a success. At the same time, GVHC is pleased to announce that, Dr. Heidi Stöckl and Dr. Ana Maria Buller are taking over as the new Director and Deputy Director of GVHC.
Abusive partners ‘cost lives by denying women safe contraception’, Evening Standard, 10 July 2017: Thousands of women and girls are dying around the world because of abusive partners denying them safe contraception and abortions, a report reveals.

'Sexism' in sexual assault research, but this time men are the target, Science Daily, 10 July 2017: Sexism is alive and well in sexual assault research, but this time men are the target. A new study conducted by researchers at Florida Atlantic University and Sam Houston State University debunks a long-standing theory that sexual assault isn’t as emotionally traumatizing for men as it is for women and that it doesn’t result in similar emotional impacts, especially when it comes to depression.

Ending child marriage could add trillions to world economy, Inter Press Service (IPS) News Agency, 30 June 2017: The benefits of ending child marriage are many—boosting a young girl’s morale and increasing her chances of education and work, and by that virtue, curbing high population rates in developing economies and boosting growth.

VII. Events

Webinar: Developing gender-sensitive M&E systems: A review of guidelines on how to integrate gender into an M&E framework and system assessment, 3 August 2017: In this webinar, the presenters will discuss the importance of applying a gender lens to monitoring and evaluation (M&E) processes and structures and how to think about gender in the context of the development of an M&E system. Register online.

8th milestones of a global campaign for violence prevention meeting, 19-20 October 2017, Ottawa, Canada: This event is hosted on behalf of WHO by the Canadian Government and the Public Health Agency of Canada. The meeting theme is Translating Sustainable Development Goal violence prevention targets into national and local action. Draft agenda available online. For plenary sessions, simultaneous translation for French and Spanish will be offered.

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

VIII. Vacancies

Head of Women’s Rights / ActionAid / Johannesburg, South Africa / Closing date: 14 July 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].


Communications and Office Management Intern / WILPF / Geneva, Switzerland / Closing date: 24 July 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

Assistant Director, Programs / Center for Women’s Global Leadership / New Jersey, USA / Closing date: 31 July 2017. [Source: CWGL].


ART Human Rights Policy Counsel / The Center for Reproductive Rights (the Center) / New York, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].
Educator Engagement Consultant / Girl Rising / New York, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

Program Coordinator / ESCR-Net / New York, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

Director of Strategy and Operations / CARE USA / USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

Economic Recovery and Development Officer for Gender Equality / International Rescue Committee / New York, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: IRC].

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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