QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The mental health impacts of sexual violence, abuse and exploitation are complex. To ensure the effectiveness of our mental health interventions post violence we need an intersectional understanding of the multiple manifestations of trauma. Whilst the diagnosis of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder provides a framework to understand the process of trauma in survivors of sexual violence, to develop truly effective treatments, we also need to look at complex trauma."

Listen to the Sexual Violence Research Podcast on Mental Health [here](#).

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SVRI ANNOUNCEMENTS

SVRI Board: Call for Applications 2022
The SVRI is re-opening our call for applications for a new board member. We are looking for a dynamic and kind individual with expertise and experience of the NGO sector, especially with regards to developing reserves, growth plans and sustainability, resource mobilisation. Apply by 10 March 2022 to Elizabeth Dartnall at [elizabeth@svri.org](mailto:elizabeth@svri.org). See the Terms of Reference [here](#).

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SVRI FORUM 2022

SVRI Forum 2022 launch series #3
The Forum will launch in the EST time zone on 9 February at 9.30 am EST. Join us to learn more about the Forum and to hear from past Forum delegates on their experiences of the Forum and how it has made an impact on their lives. Register [here](#).

**Accommodation at the Hotel Paradisus Cancún NOW open for bookings**
We are delighted to announce that SVRI Forum delegates can now book their accommodation at the conference venue. Paradisus Cancún is offering delegates fantastic value for money through an **ALL-INCLUSIVE** package. Please visit the booking page [here](#) for more information. Please note that registration fees and workshop fees are not included and need to be paid for [here](#). The package excludes flights.

**Don't forget to submit your abstract**
Please note that abstract submissions close on 28 February. Do not miss this valuable opportunity to
present your work at SVRI Forum 2022. Submit your abstract in English, French or Spanish here.

Pre-conference workshops
Workshops at the SVRI Forum 2022 are now available and can be booked here.

For more information on SVRI Forum 2022, click here.

SVRI MEMBERS REQUESTS

Request for papers: scoping review on refugee participation within GBV and gender equality research
Colleagues at LSHTM is conducting a scoping review to understand how the concept of ‘participation’ is understood and used within GBV and gender equality research with refugees. They are looking for academic papers or NGO reports that present research findings on GBV or gender equality, where the research is conducted with refugees and uses participatory methods or strategies to promote refugee participation. Please email submissions to Michelle.lokot@lshtm.ac.uk.

COVID-19 AND GBV RELATED RESOURCES

See below COVID-19 and GBV-related resources that caught our attention this week.

Duran, F., & Woodhams, J. (2022). Impact of the current pandemic on intelligence and analytical professionals working in police and law enforcement organizations. Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice, and Policy, ePub: During the present pandemic, emerging literature argues that front-line officers’ mental health is at greater risk while performing their duties. This study explores the impact of the pandemic on the experiences of analysts working in these roles. [Source: University of Birmingham].

Mendonça, S., & Volpon Berto, I. (2021). COVID-19 and the increase of the violence against women in brasil: overcoming machine culture. Revista Gênero E Interdisciplinaridade, 2(03): This study analyses public policies that seek to reduce violence against women and, more specifically, seeks to suggest ways to face the problem in the pandemic. [Source: SafetyLit].

For more resources, visit SVRI COVID-19 webpage.

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.
Istratei, R., Ali, P. (2022). A multi-sectoral evidence synthesis on religious beliefs, intimate partner violence and faith-based interventions. PREPRINT (Version 1) available at Research Square: The current synthesis is the result of a systematic review that was conducted to start to bridge the multi-sectoral and multidisciplinary evidence to identify specifically: a) the influence of religious beliefs and experience on the rationalisations, behaviour and mental health of victims, survivors and perpetrators, and b) faith-based interventions in community and psychological counselling and their effectiveness. [Source: SOAS].

Seff, I., Cislaghi, B., Levto, R., Vlahovicova, K., & Stark, L. (2022). Quantitative proxies for social norms: A proposed approach for interrogating clustering, reference groups, and validity. Journal of interpersonal violence, 8862605211056728, ePub: This study aims to demonstrate and validate innovative techniques for exploring social norms proxies in quantitative data and identifying the relative appropriateness of different available reference groups. It also demonstrates how such an approach can contribute to IPV research. [Source: Brown School at Washington University in St. Louis].

Seff, I., Rodriguez, D. O., Meinhart, M., Colarelli, J., Vahedi, L., & Stark, L. (2022). Age at first exposure to violence and later mental health outcomes: A sex-disaggregated, multi-country analysis in sub-Saharan Africa. Child abuse & neglect, 125, 105509, ePub: This study advances the literature on gender and sex differences in mental health symptomology, suggesting that boys and girls may exhibit different symptomology in response to comparably exposures to violence. [Source: Brown School at Washington University in St. Louis].

Keith, T., Hyslop, F., & Richmond, R. (2022). A systematic review of Interventions to reduce gender-based violence among women and girls in Sub-Saharan Africa. Trauma, Violence, & Abuse, ePub: This article reviews English language, peer-reviewed, quantitative evaluations of interventions to reduce violence against women and girls in SSA that involved a comparison group and reported GBV incidence, or GBV-related attitudes, norms and symptoms as an outcome. [Source: SafetyLit].

Prandstetter, K., Murphy, H. & Foran, H.M. (2022). The role of intimate partner violence, couple dissatisfaction and parenting behaviors in understanding parental burnout. J Child Fam Stud, ePub: This study aims to extend existing knowledge on chronic parenting stress by 1) testing for the mediational role of couple dissatisfaction in explaining the link from IPV victimization to PB as well as the link from IPV victimization to dysfunctional parenting, and 2) investigating how specialist gender roles and parental responsibilities for child care relate to IPV victimization and PB. [Source: SafetyLit].

Cuadrado-Gordillo, I., & Parra, G. M.-M. (2021). Gender-based violence in adolescent dating from a medical perspective: A qualitative study of the needs felt in primary healthcare centres. Healthcare, 10(1), 17. MDPI AG: The present study focuses on the qualitative analysis of a series of interviews carried out with 95 primary healthcare physicians in Extremadura, Spain. These interviews addressed various questions related to the theoretical and practical knowledge that the physicians have about the topic. [Source: SafetyLit].
BLOGS

Wijesekera, S. (2020, 24 November). Are we missing a game changer? Gender-based violence and social protection. UNICEF Connect: Although there is increasing evidence that social protection can be a powerful tool in reducing intimate partner violence, this is an area that remains under-explored. UNICEF has played a key role in this area, supporting and producing cutting edge research, including a rigorous mixed-method review of what we know about cash transfer programming and intimate partner violence in low- and middle-income countries. [Source: UNICEF].

PODCASTS

What we’re listening to

Hidden Figures Podcast: Hidden Heroes is a podcast from UNICEF about women and girls who are innovating, organizing and saving lives during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. Join host Beth Murphy to celebrate solutions to gender injustice and strengthen your resolve to fight it with intimate, on-the-ground reporting from around the world.

Don’t forget to tune into The Sexual Violence Research Podcast. Visit our podcast channel here. Episode 5 on Mental Health is now available here.

ONLINE RESOURCES

Denkovski, D., & Kreitlow, A. (2021). Funding (in)equality? A comparative look at the funding landscape for pro-and anti-gender initiatives and campaigns in the European Union. Centre for Feminist Foreign Policy. Berlin: This policy brief aims to provide a concise overview of the funding opportunities available to actors mobilising for and against equality in the EU (while drawing on data from other contexts), highlight the risks inherent for rights, freedoms, and democracy in the context of rising authoritarianism and shrinking civil society space, and identify the gaps at the knowledge and policy levels. It also provides recommendations to policymakers and civil society in the EU on addressing this issue better. [Source: MenEngageConnect].

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women. (2021). Learning from practice: Resistance and backlash to preventing violence against women and girls. UN Trust Fund prevention series, New York: UN Women: This synthesis review draws out some cross-cutting best practices, challenges and lessons from practice shared by CSOs on how they have managed resistance in their specific contexts and interventions. [Source: UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women].

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women. (2021). Learning from
practice: Adaptive programming to prevent violence against women and girls. UN Trust Fund prevention series. New York: UN Women: This synthesis review draws out some cross-cutting best practices, challenges and lessons from nine diverse civil society organizations that had to adapt their projects to internal change (i.e. in staff capacity and the engagement of participants) and external crises (e.g. climate change and the COVID-19 pandemic). [Source: UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women].

GBV AoR. (2018). Guidance note on ethical closure of GBV programmes. GBV SC Whole of Syria – Turkey/Jordan Hub: This guidance note is a practical tool to support GBV actors in the development of exit strategies for all GBV programming in emergency. The exit strategy should be built in from the beginning of a programme, should ensure a smooth process that does not impact negatively on the community served, ensures duty of care for staff and does no harm to beneficiaries, especially survivors of GBV. [Source: GBV CoP].

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS


Call for abstracts and expressions of interest: Social and Health Sciences Journal Special Issue, Unsettling knowledge production on gendered and sexual violence. Closing date: 28 February 2022.

Call for proposals: R2HC call for research to strengthen health systems in humanitarian settings. Closing date: 15 March 2022.

EVENTS

- 38th GIMAC pre-summit CSOs consultative meeting on gender mainstreaming in the African Union and Member States. 3 - 4 February 2022, online: The African Population and Health Research Center (APHRC), Ipas Africa Alliance, and the Spotlight Initiative are hosting two pre-summit panel discussions under the Gender is My Agenda Campaign (GIMAC) Network, which is a platform of over 55 civil society organizations (CSOs) promoting gender equality and accountability for women’s rights in Africa.
• “We’re out here getting slaughtered by these abusive people”, 11 February 2022, 3 pm EST: Join Emory Rollins School of Public Health as Kathryn Wyckoff presents on perceptions of the effects of COVID-19 and movement restrictions among survivors of intimate partner violence.

• Trauma-informed meditation session for SVRI members, 16 February 2022, 2 pm SAST/7 am EDT: Join us for a one-hour trauma-informed meditation session on 16 February 2022 at 1400h SAST/0700h EDT. In this session, meditation practitioner Paula Ramirez will guide us through an hour of gentle, trauma-informed meditation exercises and will leave us with some guidance for how we can begin to establish our own personal meditation practice in our lives. Register for the session here.

• Building GBV evidence webinar, 17 February 2022, 9 am EST: GWI’s Building GBV Evidence program will be hosting a four-part webinar series this year to dive deeper into gaps and opportunities around GBV research in humanitarian settings. Please join this second session, “Finding the Path Forward: Highlighting Marginalized Refugee Women and Girls’ Experiences of GBV in the Global South.”

• Panel conversation: Breaking barriers - Funding organisations for women, 24 February 2022, 12:15 pm CET: Women’s organisations have a more challenging time accessing funds for their feminist work. In this conversation, the panel investigate these challenges and discover opportunities for better funding practices.

• Looking back to look forward: COVID-19 and faith reflections: Faith Engagement & COVID-19 - what really works? 1 March 2022, 11 am London: JLI has led a new study that followed 8 faith actors in their COVID response work in 2020-2021. This webinar will discuss findings from this collaborative learning process with participation from the faith actors involved in the study and a panel of other faith and non-faith speakers to reflect on crucial elements in faith engagement so far in the pandemic.

• Looking back to look forward: COVID-19 and Faith Reflections: Faith and the COVID-19 Pandemic at Two Years - a retrospective, 11 March 2022, 2 pm London: The Berkley Center, the Joint Learning Initiative on Faith and Local Communities (JLI), and the World Faiths Development Dialogue (WFDD) have been tracking religious responses to COVID-19 since this date two years ago - 11 March 2020. At the two year mark of this ongoing documentation and analysis process, we will take stock of the initiative, its results so far, and announce our newly re-designed repository of religions and COVID-19 resources.

• Rethinking men’s and boy’s healthcare access and use, 17 March 2022, 9 am EST: This virtual event will focus on men’s and boys’ help-seeking and healthcare access and use in health areas such as family planning and reproductive health; HIV/AIDS; maternal, newborn, and child health; and infectious diseases. Please submit your presentation for this event here by 14 February 2022.

• International Conference on Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, and Reimagining Justice, 19 - 21 April 2022, Hilton San Francisco Union Square: This annual conference will focus on sexual assault, intimate partner violence, stalking, human trafficking and elder abuse. It brings together law enforcement personnel, prosecutors, victim advocates, judges, parole and probation officers, rape crisis workers, health care professionals, faith community members, educators, researchers and others to highlight promising practices and emerging issues to effectively respond to these crimes.
VACANCIES

- **Consulting assignment: Regional study on the role of the private sector in gender-based violence prevention in southern Africa**, The World University Service of Canada’s Field Support Services Project (WUSC FSSP), Home-based - Closing date 14 February 2022.
- **GBV in Emergencies (GBViE) Advisor/Senior Advisor**, Norwegian Church Aid, Oslo, Norway - Closing date: 14 February 2022.
- **Senior Program Officer**, Promundo-US, Washington, D.C., USA - Closing date: 21 February 2022.
- **Postdoctoral Research Scientist**, Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health, New York, USA - Closing date: Open until filled.

NEWS

Marwala, T. (2022, 2 February). *Gender equality is a human imperative — and that means reframing masculinity and power inequalities*. *Daily Maverick*.


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