QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“The feminist and women's movements have long challenged the knowledge and language hierarchies. Yet research on child, early, and forced marriage and unions and the dissemination of that research continue to be dominated by Anglophone perspectives.”

Read the full article

SVRI ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Child participation in research on violence, 23 February 2022, 2pm SAST**
Please join our experienced panellists Lucy Jamieson (Children's Institute, University of Cape Town), Dia Yonzan (UN Women, Nepal) Camille Warrington, (OVUN) and Dr. Anita Burgund (University of Belgrade) as they have an interactive discussion on key questions related to child participation focusing on practical insights and learnings from their own research study experiences. The session will be moderated by Joanna Wlodarzyk (FDDS, Poland). We really hope to see you there!
Click [here](#) to register.

**Call for expressions of interest to pilot the Pathways to Research Impact course**
We are inviting expressions of interest for researchers to participate in a pilot of a new online course for researchers, called the Pathways to Research Impact Course. Funded by SVRI, CEI in partnership with the Africa Centre for Evidence are developing an online course for researchers who want to increase their impact in the fields of violence against women and violence against children. The course is particularly targeted towards researchers in low- and middle-income countries, or those whose research focuses on these contexts. The course provides a structured process that will support researchers to reflect on their own role within the violence against women/violence against children evidence ecosystem and develop strategies that enhance research uptake, use, and impact. Read more about how to express interest in piloting this course, [here](#).

**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. See the Terms of Reference [here](#).
SVRI FORUM 2022

Accommodation bookings open at the Hotel Paradisus Cancún
Paradisus Cancún is offering SVRI delegates fantastic value for money through an **ALL-INCLUSIVE** accommodation package. Please visit the booking page [here](#) for more information. Please note that registration fees and workshop fees are not included in the package 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](#).

Early bird registration
[Register for Forum 2022](#); Please visit the registration webpage [here](#) for more information on registration costs and important dates. Early bird registration closes on 15 May 2022.

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](#).

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COVID-19 AND GBV RELATED RESOURCES

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


**UN Women. (2021). Measuring the shadow pandemic: Violence against women during COVID-19. UN Women:** This article provides reliable, cross-country, and nationally representative data on topics related to violence against women, women's safety at home and in the public sphere during COVID-19 and access to resources, services. [Source: Common Threads Project].
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.*

Sardinha, L., Maheu-Giroux, M., Stöckl, H., Meyer, S.R., & García-Moreno, C. (2022). Global, regional, and national prevalence estimates of physical or sexual, or both, intimate partner violence against women in 2018. The Lancet. ePub: This paper presents the first internationally comparable global, regional, and country (or area) prevalence estimates on both lifetime and past year physical or sexual violence, or both, by male intimate partners against ever-partnered women aged 15–49 years within the SDG reporting period (2015–30). [Source: Science Direct].

Das, M., Guedes, A., Moletsane, R., & Svanemyr, J. (2022). Singularity and diversity in child, early, and forced marriage and unions. Journal of Adolescent Health. 70, S1-S4: This supplement presents recent research on child marriage with an explicit focus on the diverse and divergent manifestations of the practice around the world. [Source: UNICEF].


Buller, A.M., Pichon, M., Chevalier, C., & Treves-Kagan, S. (2022). The role of gender and romantic jealousy in intimate partner violence against women, a mixed methods study in Northern Ecuador. Cult. Health Sex. ePub: Findings from this study suggest that individual, couple and community-level, gender-transformative programming that provides role models of alternative masculinities and femininities could be a promising approach to use in preventing intimate partner violence against women in Ecuador. [Source: Taylor & Francis Online].

Miles, L.W., Knox, E., Downing, N., & Valentine, J.L. (2022). Ability to consent to a sexual assault medical forensic examination in adult patients with serious mental illness. J Forensic Leg Med. 85, 102285: In this study, the authors discuss concerns about the capacity of victims of sexual assault to consent to a forensic exam when they have serious mental illness or have received psychiatric medications or are under involuntary psychiatric detention. [Source: Stanford University].

Harden, J., McAllister, P., Spencer, C.M., & Stith, S.M. (2022). The dark side of the rainbow: Queer women’s experiences of intimate partner violence. Trauma Violence Abuse. 23(1), 301-313: The purpose of this study is to examine and raise awareness of how intimate partner violence operates within female same gender relationships. [Source: NCBI].

In this study, the authors advocate for greater collaboration between researchers, policymakers, donors, governments, non-governmental organizations, and program managers and staff to study how violence prevention programs operate on a large scale. They describe a new initiative aiming to foster such collaborations in the field of family strengthening programs. [Source: ISS Africa].

**BLOGS**

Mager, F. (2022, 11 February). Creating high-quality research collaborations across academia and civil society is rare, what does this tell us about how we value impact? LSE Blog: For researchers in Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) publishing and collaborating with academics on mutually beneficial projects is uncommon. Drawing on their experience of a major collaborative international research project on public attitudes towards inequality that resulted in a flagship report for Oxfam and a series of academic papers, Franziska Mager, discusses the barriers and benefits to research that brings together charities and academia and how this reflects different valuations of impact. [Source: LSE].

**PODCASTS**

*What we’re listening to*

**The Sexual Violence Research Podcast: Episode 6 – Engaging Faith and Spiritual Leaders:** Faith and spiritual leaders are influential, often deeply trusted members of their communities, with power to direct community attitudes on violence against women and violence against children. In this episode we find out why engaging faith and spiritual leaders to address these issues is important, we discuss the patriarchal nature of religion and faith, and the importance of bringing more women into the conversation. Visit our podcast channel here.

**Hidden Heroes: Episode 4 – Deep Dive: the Unrecognized Abuse:** This episode features GWI Director Mary Ellsberg discussing the most pervasive and under-reported human rights abuse in the world: violence against women and girls.
In the Centre Season 1 Episode 3: Exploring access to justice for male survivors of conflict-related sexual violence: Justice still eludes the majority of survivors of conflict-related sexual violence, regardless of sex or gender. In this episode, the presenter explores some of the barriers faced by male survivors when it comes to seeking accountability, at the domestic and international levels, as well as possible solutions. Hear from Patricia Viseur Sellers, leading international criminal lawyer and gender justice expert, and Fadel Abdul Ghany, founder and director of the Syrian Network For Human Rights.

WEBINAR RECORDINGS

Trauma-informed meditation session for SVRI members: In this session, meditation practitioner Paula Ramirez guided participants through an hour of gentle, trauma-informed meditation exercises. Paula is a mindfulness-based stress reduction-teacher from the UCSD Center for Mindfulness and a trauma-sensitive yoga facilitator from the Trauma Center. Paula is currently working as a consultant for the Gender Based Violence Area of Responsibility supporting self-care for first responders in countries such as Iraq, Yemen, Venezuela and Nigeria among others. Watch the webinar recording and listen to the audio.

ONLINE RESOURCES

Matanda, D., & Lwanga-Walgwe, E. (2022). A research agenda to strengthen evidence generation and utilisation to accelerate the elimination of female genital mutilation. UNFPA, UNICEF, WHO and Population Council, Kenya: This research agenda outlines evidence gaps and research priorities that must be addressed over the next five years, and provides approaches to enable uptake and effective use of the evidence generated. [Source: IGWG].

Amarante, V., Arunatilake, N., Burger, R., de Haan, A., Kassouf, A., Ronconi, L. (2022). Northern institutions dominate international development research: So what? Oxfam: The international community has long accepted that development needs to be locally owned, and that international support and cooperation need to facilitate leadership by local actors. Yet it is increasingly noticeable that development research is lagging behind in this respect. As we raise questions of access of researchers based in the Global South to the field of development, we also have to ask: what knowledge are development practices built on? [Source: Oxfam].

World Vision. (2021). Research Brief: Faith Communities' Contribution to Ending Violence against Children. World Vision: This brief presents a study that aimed to understand how World Vision's Programme 'Channels of Hope' supports faith leaders and communities to reduce violence in their communities at higher levels of society. [Source: RISE Learning Network].

gaps on gender-based violence among conflict-affected refugees in the Global South. The Global Women’s Institute at George Washington University: This gap analysis seeks to provide a landscape of the current evidence base specifically on gender based violence among conflict-affected refugee populations in the Global South. It both summarizes the existing evidence and identifies key gaps that will inform the international community on where future research endeavors should focus. [Source: The Global Women’s Institute at George Washington University].

Increasing global south participation in development economics: Studies on the participation of the global south in development economics research, policy and consulting activities: When local researchers participate in economic development policy discussions—whether locally, regionally, or globally—they can bring a deeper understanding of the social, political, and economic context of their countries, compared to outside experts. [Source: PEP].

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS

Call for Applications: Faith Leaders Gender Transformation Programme (FLGTP) Pilot 2: Equipping churches to end GBV. Deadline: 18 February 2022.


Call for Submissions: Special Issue "Gender Equity and Girls' Health" in Adolescents. Deadline: 1 September 2022.

EVENTS

How to be a gender trainer: Facilitating transformative change through feminist pedagogies, 21-25 February 2022, 8:30am-10:00am and 10:30am-12:00pm EST: This five-day participatory, virtual course is for gender specialists who would like to develop their training skills. The course will involve both theoretical and practical work. Theoretical topics to be covered include: Feminist participatory
methodologies, quality standards in gender training, and the role of gender training in broader change processes. All participants will receive a participants' manual with key terms, resources, and templates.

Prevention of violence against adolescent girls – sharing experiences from practitioners and researchers, 23 February 2022, 9:30am ET: Join the webinar for a conversation with researchers and practitioners working to prevent violence against adolescent girls and to support them to overcome restrictive gender norms that prevent them from making their own choices and access opportunities. The speakers will share research of specific contexts as well as explore different programming approaches in violence prevention for adolescent girls. More details and speakers to be announced shortly!

Practices of evidence-informed decision-making: Short learning programme, 23 February 2022, 1:00pm-1:45pm SAST: The Africa Centre for Evidence is invites you to attend the launch of its short learning programme, which will also be the certificate ceremony for the programme's pilot participants. The programme aims to attract mid-level and higher government officials, practitioners, and researchers interested in the use of evidence for decision-making in any sector (e.g., health, social development, environment) and area of activity (e.g., project/programme management, knowledge management, M&E). [The Africa Centre for Evidence est fier de vous inviter à assister au lancement de son programme d'apprentissage court, qui sera également la cérémonie de remise des certificats aux participants pilotes du programme. L'événement aura lieu le mercredi 23 février 2022, de 13h00 à 13h45 SAST.]

Understanding the intersections and differences between GBV, Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, Sexual Harassment, and Safeguarding, 24 February 2022, 1:30pm UK Time: This webinar will outline practical issues which may stem from the conflation between roles and responsibilities between gender based violence and sexual exploitation, abuse and sexual harassment practitioners and the practical harm which may come to survivors where this occurs – using case examples to ground discussion. The webinar will use the RSH produced bitesize piece: Understanding SEAH and GBV as its theoretical foundation.

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. SVRI Grants Manager and Capacity Strengthening Specialist, Angelica Pino, will be participating in the panel conversation.
• **Study Coordinator**, Desmond Tutu Health Foundation, South Africa – Closing date: 18 February 2022.

• **Program Officer for Teenage Girl Organizing & CEECNA Focal Point**, FRIDA | The Young Feminist Fund, Central and Eastern Europe, Caucasus, Central or North Asia – Closing date: 24 February 2022.


• **Senior Director, Monitoring, Evaluation, and Quality Improvement**, Integrate Health, Remote – Closing date: 31 March 2022.

• **Treasurer of the Board of Trustees**, All Survivors Project, London, Greater London (Hybrid) – Closing date: Open until filled.

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**NEWS**


Bloom, M. (2022, 4 February). Afghan women face increasing violence and repression under the Taliban after international spotlight fades. *The Conversation.*

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SVRI Strategic Plan 2020-2024.

Email svri@svri.org by Wednesday each week if you would like to include something in the SVRI Update.