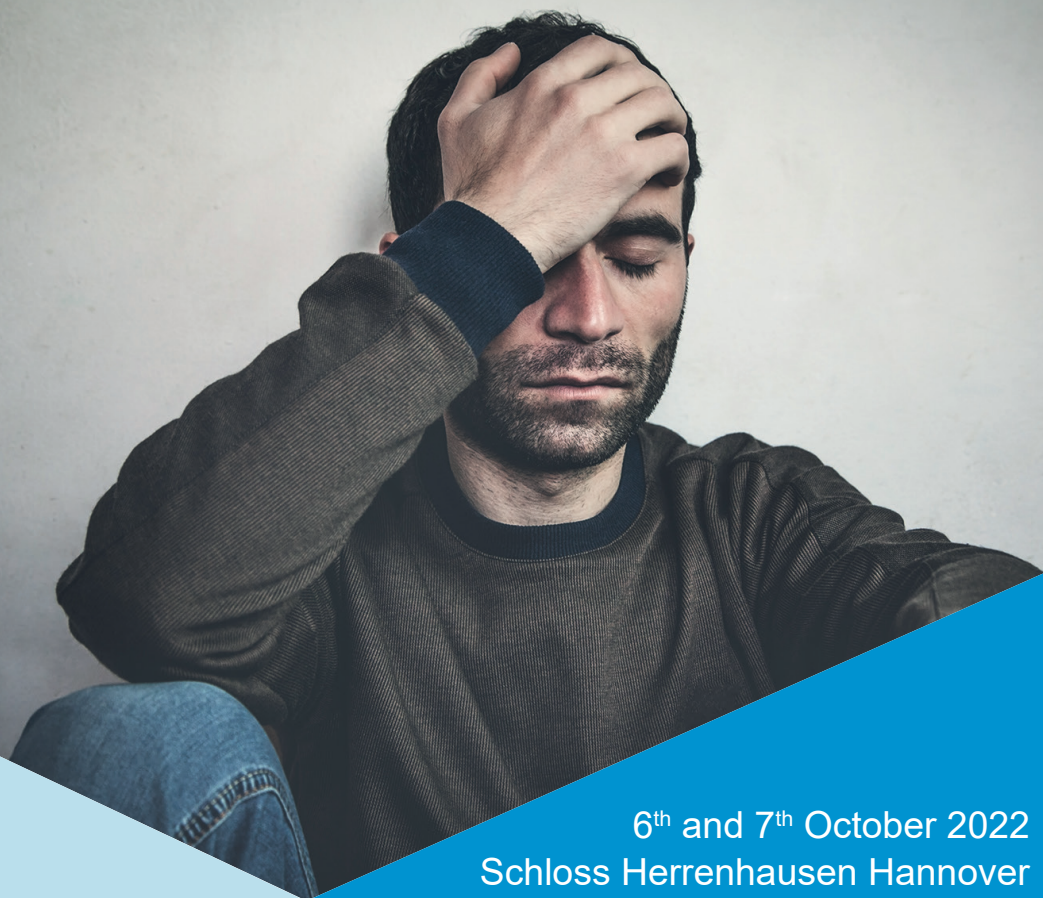




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CONFLICT-RELATED SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGAINST MEN AND BOYS

Sexual violence in the context of armed conflicts and displacement is a severe and frequently strongly stigmatizing human rights violation. In the majority of reported cases of conflict-related sexual violence, men are perpetrators and women are victims of the violent offences. However, in a significant minority of cases, the victims of the assaults are men and boys. The recognition of the reality of men and boys as survivors of CRSV is a relatively recent development, as the focus of research on the lived experiences of male victims of CRSV. Research on the nature and frequency of the violent acts is still in its early stages as is work on the consequences as well as circumstances of such abuse, motivations of perpetrators and the use of male-directed CRSV as a weapon of war.

Among the urgent concerns with regard to the mitigation of CRSV are the implementation of easily accessible support services with regard to the medical, legal and psychosocial care needs of the survivors, the reduction of associated taboos and the destigmatization of those affected. This requires a coordinated cooperation between academic research, practitioners in the psychosocial sector and the political and legal actors on an international level. The aims of the symposium “Conflict related sexual violence against men and boys” are to present the state-of-the-art research in this field, discuss current and future research foci and engage in a dialogue about practical implications of these findings. We brought together many important representatives of this field of research. The selected contributions address the topic from different angles and focus on incidents of CRSV against men and boys in many different conflict regions, including the ongoing war in Ukraine.

We are grateful to the Volkswagen Foundation for supporting this symposium and the pre-conference early career workshop financially and thus for allowing us to share our research in this international meeting. We hope that the chosen themes will be of cross-disciplinary interest and we look forward to a lively academic exchange.

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Thursday, 06th of October 2022

09:00 – 12:30 Pre-Conference Workshop Part I + II

Connecting young scientists with senior researchers

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Rethinking the Silence Surrounding Conflict-Related Sexual Violence Against Men and Boys

Anna Gopsill (University of London, UK):
Interpreting sexual violence and masculinity in the tribunal space: Male victims of sexual violence at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda

Ana Velasco (PUC Rio/University of Bremen):
Re-locating sex in SVAM: The case of Turtle Island

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

Ali Bitenga (International Center for Advanced Research and Training (ICART), DRC):
Reconstructing manhood from the debris of emasculation: Understanding how male survivors of sexual violence regain their masculinity post abuse

Karoliina Lehtola (Tampere University, Finland):
Stigma that Remains: The Role of the Ugandan-Based Refugee Law Project in Supporting Men Subjected to Sexual Violence in Conflicts

Carla King (NYU School of Medicine, New York, USA):
Gendered-Perceptions of Men/Boys versus Women/Girls who were Victims of UN Peacekeeper-Perpetrated Sexual Exploitation and Abuse in Haiti

Muhula Kapalata Gloire (Université Evangélique en Afrique, Bukavu, DRC):

An experience driven model for addressing sexual violence against men: Prevention and response intervention in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo

12:30 – 13:00 Lunch break

13:00 – 14:30 Pre-Conference Workshop Part III

Kim Schöenberg (University of Leipzig, Germany):

Perspectives on Disclosure – Disclosure Processes of Male CRSV Survivors reported by Psychosocial and Mental Health Care Professionals in Germany

Leni Linthout (Ghent University, Belgium; Université de Lille, France):

A silenced reality on the way to the United Kingdom: Sexual violence against migrant men and boys in Belgium and France

Freya Specht and **Max Vöhringer** (Zentrum ÜBERLEBEN Berlin, Germany):

Conflict-related and sexual trauma in Arabic-speaking treatment-seeking men: Prevalence and relationship with sociodemographic and psychological aspects

14:30 – 15:00 Coffee break

15:00 – 15:15 Welcome note

Yuriy Nesterko, Sabine Lee and Heide Glaesmer

15:15 – 16:30 Keynote lecture

Chris Dolan (University of Warwick, UK):

Queering the Pitch? Male Survivors and Conflict-Related Sexual Violence

16:30 – 17:00 Coffee break

17:30 – 19:00 Symposium 1: CRSV against men and boys – History, Justice and Global Politics

Chair/Discussant: Robert McKelvey and Onen David Ongwech

Laura Sjoberg (Royal Holloway University of London, UK):

Legal aspects of CRSV against men and boys

Valerie Oosterveld (Western University, Canada):

The Successes and Failures of International Criminal Law to Address CRSV Against Men and Boys

Amalendu Misra (University of Lancaster, UK):

Political Economy of Bacha Bazi in Afghanistan

Paula Drumond (PUC Rio, Brasil) and **Maria Stern** (University of Gothenburg, Sweden):

Sexual Violence in the Wrong(ed) Bodies

19:30 Conference dinner

Friday, 7th of October 2022

09:00 – 10:30 Symposium 2: Masculinities, Culture of Silence, Experiences of Stigma and CRSV

Chair/Discussant: Sandrine Lusamba and Suhail Abualsameed

Robert U. Nagel (Georgetown University, USA):

The impact of conflict-related sexual violence on men's notions of masculinity and their participation in peacebuilding

Élise Féron (Tampere University, Finland):

Wartime sexual violence against men and post-conflict reconciliation: An embodied approach

Iris Manor-Binyamini (Technion, Israel):

Exposing the secret. Listening to Bedouin men who have experience sexual violence

Henri Myrntinen (University of Bremen, Germany):

Calibrating Visibility – Homophobic GBV and Adapting Gender Performances for Survival in Syria and Lebanon

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:30 Symposium 3: Trauma and Resilience in men and boys experienced CRSV

Chair/Discussant: Maria Böttche and Marie Kaiser

Kirsten Johnson (University of Toronto, Canada):

Sexual Gender Based Violence in Liberia, Kenya and the DRC: Field research to advocacy

Philipp Schulz (University of Bremen, Germany):

Beyond Vulnerability: Male Survivors of Sexual Violence as Active (Political) Agents

Edward Alessi (Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, USA) and **Sarilee Kahn** (McGill University, Canada):
Experiences of Sexual Violence among Cisgender Gay and Trans Men in Pre- and Post-Migration Contexts: Using Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research to Generate Practice Recommendations for Treating Trauma and Promoting Resilience

Patricia Ollé Tejero (All Survivors Project):
Identifying and responding to barriers faced by men and boy victims of sexual violence in conflict in Colombia

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch break

13:30 – 15:00 Keynote lecture

Jill Stauffer (Haverford College, USA via Zoom):
Diagnosing Ethical Loneliness: Challenges involved in listening to difficult stories

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 – 17:00 Symposium 4: CRSV against men and boys in context of current situation in Ukraine

Chair/Discussant: Sabine Lee and Yuriy Nesterko

Marta Havryshko (National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine/ Basel University):
Hidden Crime: Sexual Violence against Men and Boys during Russia's War on Ukraine

Yuliia Anosova (Lawyer, NGO “La Strada-Ukraine“, via Zoom):
Providing assistance to male survivors of war-related sexual violence in Ukraine: General considerations and experience of the civil society organization “La Strada-Ukraine”

Olga Chuyeva (CRSV Specialist UNFPA Ukraine) and
Roksolana Pysarska (CRSV Specialist UNFPA Ukraine):
*Survivors-centered, rights-based approach with holistic support
services for male survivors of CRSV in Ukraine*

17:00 – 17:30 Coffee break

**17:30 – 19:00 Symposium 5: Experiences from the field –
context specifics**

Chair/Discussant: Susan Bartels and Eunice Apio

Hollie Nyseth Nzitatira (Ohio State University, USA):
Gender-Based Violence Against Men and Boys in Darfur

Katherine Gambir (Women’s Refugee Commission, USA):
*Gaps and Opportunities in Sexual Violence Prevention and
Response for Crisis-Affected Adolescent Boys and Male Youth*

Heleen Touquet (KU Leuven, Belgium):
Silences and silencing in the context of the former Yugoslavia

Charles Waddimba (Makere University Kampala, Uganda):
*Refugee Male Survivors of Sexual Violence Seeking Healthcare
in Uganda, “Experiencing and Overcoming Stigma and
Categorization”*

19:00 – 19:30 Closing session

19:30 Light dinner (sandwich package)

Rethinking the Silence Surrounding Conflict-Related Sexual Violence Against Men and Boys

Author: Jenna Norosky

University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Conflict-related sexual violence (CRSV) against men is now commonly acknowledged by the human security regime, yet the presupposition that male CRSV is rare prevails. What explains this continued resistance to a gender-inclusive approach to CRSV? The literature thus far has rightly unpacked the marginalization of male CRSV in terms of gender norms; however, it neglects to consider how those norms intersect with other power relations in the global context. Applying decolonial critiques of human security, this article argues that Western leadership on CRSV is mired in a racialized and gendered symbolic system. To illuminate the theoretical utility of this context in understanding the marginalization of male survivors, I analyze the 2014 Global Summit to End Sexual Violence in Conflict. Leaders of the Summit securitized CRSV as a “weapon of war” specifically by relying on tropes of “conflict countries” as socially backwards regarding practices of gender and sexuality, and situating CRSV as a “pre-modern” weapon. This framework reproduces a racialized hierarchy of masculinity which anticipates men from “conflict countries” as potential perpetrators, and men from “safe countries” as role models for nonviolent iterations of militarized manhood. CRSV against men and boys thus fits uncomfortably in the present human security regime.

About the author:

Jenna Norosky is a PhD student studying Political Science at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. They study International Relations with interest areas including political violence, human security, and international war law. They are currently researching sexual violence against men in conflict, and human rights in the context of imperialism and counterinsurgency. Their research is interdisciplinary and draws from qualitative and critical methods. Jenna holds a B.A. in Political Science from Reed College.

Interpreting sexual violence and masculinity in the tribunal space: Male victims of sexual violence at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda

Author: Anna Gopsill

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Sexual violence and its widespread perpetration as a method of war and genocide during genocide in Rwanda is well documented. Indeed, the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) was the first international tribunal to establish that rape was an act of genocide in the landmark case of the ICTR v. Jean-Paul Akayesu. However, while a significant development in international jurisprudence, the rhetoric surrounding sexual violence continued to centre on the female experience of this violence. At the ICTR, perpetrators were found guilty of genocidal sexual violence against women, but not against men. This is despite widespread evidence that men were victims of sexual violence during genocide in Rwanda.

Through comprehensive textual examination of selected case testimony and judgements from the ICTR, this paper explores how the tribunal understood and conceptualised sexual violence against men. Specifically centring on the crimes of forced perpetration of rape and sexual violence, forced nudity, and castration of male victims, the paper examines how gendered violence in its multitude of forms were approached by the international legal mechanism and reflects on the use and terminology of genocidal rape. In so doing, the paper contributes to a growing understanding of gendered forms of violence and provides an analysis of the nexus between violence, masculinity, and vulnerability in the tribunal space.

About the author:

Anna Gopsill is a PhD candidate in Human Rights at the School of Advanced Study, University of London. Her research focuses on the nexus between gender and genocide, with a specific emphasis on masculinity and sexual and gender-based violence. Her PhD project centres on how male victims of sexual violence were conceptualised and addressed by international

courts and institutions in the aftermath of genocide in Rwanda and Bosnia-Herzegovina. She holds an MA in Holocaust and Genocide Studies from the University of Amsterdam and an MA in Modern History from the University of St Andrews. Additionally, Anna works as a project assistant for Chr. Michelsen Institute, a development research institute in Bergen, Norway. She is research affiliate at the Centre on Law and Social Transformation, also based in Bergen.

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Re-locating sex in SVAM: The case of Turtle Island

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Research on sexual violence against men (SVAM) has recently grown in International Relations. In particular, it has intended to widen our theoretical and conceptual framings and ‘provoke’ new questions around the topic (Zalewski, Drumond, Prügl, and Stern, 2018). These efforts have focused in dismantling the ‘cauterisation of critical thought’ around sexual violence, particularly our understandings around the ‘sexual’. Yet, there are still limitations in how racism and coloniality inform knowledge production around sexual violence. Decolonial feminist theory has outlined that our understandings of sex and gender are historically and culturally located. If so, our readings of sexual violence are informed by those located understandings. My research aims to further expand the debate around violence, sexuality and bodies by destabilizing ‘sex’ as a category of analysis. I will engage with discussions around the imposition of a high-intensity gender binary and heteronormative sexuality through violent policies of sexing deployed during the nation building processes of Canada and the United States. By analyzing cases of sexing technologies against Indigenous men and boys, particularly through residential schools, I will respond the questions: what can we learn, and un-learn, about sexual violence from the colonial history of sexualities? What -colonial/racial- imaginaries of sex are we reproducing when we study SVAM in International Relations?

About the author:

Ana Velasco is a Mexican feminist researcher and security consultant. She has a master’s degree in Gender, Violence and Conflict from the University of Sussex in the United Kingdom and another in International Law from the University of Granada in Spain. Velasco recently completed a research stay at the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro and will soon join the University of Bremen as a research associate and start her PhD. Her research project explores the relation between gender/sexuality, and colonization and

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genocides. She is also a specialist in the Women, Peace and Security agenda in Latin America and has worked and published on the subject in Brazil, Colombia and Mexico. Velasco is co-founder of the International Feminist platform and Fellow of the NGO Women In International Security since 2020.

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Reconstructing manhood from the debris of emasculation: Understanding how male survivors of sexual violence regain their masculinity post abuse

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The extent to which masculinity facilitates access to care and rehabilitation for male survivors of sexual violence has not been systematically theorized despite the growing number of survivors who seek care and heal from rape-related symptoms. This study seeks to answer the following overarching research question: how do male survivors strive to regain their sense of masculinity or manhood post sexual abuse? The empirical data will be gathered through qualitative interviews using a purposive sampling technique, selecting informants based on their particular knowledge of, and/or experience with the focus of empirical inquiry. At least 20 male survivors of sexual violence who received care through Panzi Hospital, Mulamba, Bulenga, and Walungu Hospitals in eastern DRC will be interviewed individually to understand how survivors regain their sense of manhood post abuse. This research takes a point of departure in the idea that viewing masculinity exclusively as pathogenic obfuscates our understanding of positive aspects of male survivors' experiences in search and re-search of their well-being, health, and lost sense of manhood which is important to shed light on the shifting/dynamic concept of masculinity.

About the author:

Ali Bitenga is a junior researcher at International Center for Advanced Research and Training. His research focuses on gender, violence, masculinity and health. His aim is to inform policy and interventions through evidence-based data and eventually promote the scaling-up of research findings into changes in policy and practice.

Stigma that Remains: The Role of the Ugandan-Based Refugee Law Project in Supporting Men Subjected to Sexual Violence in Conflicts

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Based on recent statistics, there are over million men who have experienced sexual violence in the Eastern region of DRC, some of them living as refugees in Uganda. Moreover, sexual violence was widespread in Northern Uganda during the war between the rebel group Lord Resistance Army and the Ugandan government. The silenced culture around sexual violence against men and the anti-homosexuality legislation preclude men from receiving justice and support in Ugandan society. Furthermore, in the global policy framework, the narrow conceptualization of conflict-related sexual violence has affected organizations' availability of funding and resources to tackle sexual violence against men and boys.

In Uganda, Refugee Law Project has a key role in supporting men who have experienced sexual violence in conflicts. Since 1999, the organization has documented different forms of sexual violence male refugees, and displaced persons have experienced in war-affected situations. In addition, Refugee Law Project provides counseling sessions for men subjected to sexual violence and facilitates training sessions for humanitarian workers, health professionals, and police officers to recognize sexual violence against men. However, little attention has been paid to the role and the educational training of the staff members in ensuring the support for men. Moreover, the homophobia, colonial legacy, and the ideas of masculinity in the Ugandan society are interconnected with the stigma around mental health that affect men who have experienced sexual violence and people who closely work with them. Thus, an intersectional approach to explore the specific needs of the staff is needed while planning and implementing training, courses, and psychosocial support for them.

About the author:

Karoliina Lehtola is a master's degree student in Peace, Mediation, and Conflict research at Tampere University. At the moment, she is writing her master's thesis that explores the role of the organizations in supporting men who have experienced sexual violence in conflicts. Before starting her studies at Tampere University, she worked as an intern at the Embassy of Finland in Namibia and numerous East African countries for different organizations. Her experiences from different countries have given her a more comprehensive understanding of climate change, social injustices, and structural racism as factors that increase sexual violence. During her internship in Northern Uganda, she learned about the effects of war among the conflict-affected Acholi communities, particularly sexual violence in post-conflict settings. In the future, she hopes to continue researching on this topic and contribute to discussions on CRSV. Karoliina was born and raised in Turku, a southern city in Finland, where she completed her bachelor's degree in international relations.

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Gendered-Perceptions of Men/Boys versus Women/Girls who were Victims of UN Peacekeeper-Perpetrated Sexual Exploitation and Abuse in Haiti

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Both men/boys and women/girls experienced sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) perpetrated by members of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH). The purpose of this research was to examine how community members in Haiti perceived SEA perpetrated against the sexes and explore the implications of these perceptions on responses to peacekeeper-perpetrated SEA. We collected 381 micro-narratives from community members living around 10 UN bases in seven locations across Haiti from June to August 2017. Participants shared a brief story about the experiences of women/girls living in a community that hosted a peace support operation. We used thematic analysis to organize and understand how perceptions of SEA differed according to the victim's sex. Overall, our results suggest that SEA harms both men/boys and women/girls, but there are gender-specific manifestations of shame and stigma within the community. Language around SEA against women/girls suggests it was more normalized, with participants often describing it as 'sex' or a means of meeting basic needs. In contrast, SEA against men/boys was a moral issue, introduced by MINUSTAH, that carried significant stigmatization. Participants described SEA against men/boys as 'homosexuality', 'completely unacceptable', and more often 'rape'. While it is important to address the normalization of SEA against women/girls, it is equally important to recognize that SEA is perpetrated against men/boys, and that the differing experiences of stigmatization within the community may require gender-specific, survivor-centered programs that are sensitive to individual needs.

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About the author:

Carla King is a PhD student at NYU Grossman School of Medicine in New York, NY. As part of her Master of Public Health, completed in 2017, she assisted with a study of Haitian community member’s perspectives on sexual exploitation and abuse by UN Peacekeepers. While the focus of this research was on the experiences of women and girls, stories of sexual violence against men and boys were prominent in the data. Carla’s current work focuses on gender and racial equity in substance use disorder treatment and she hopes to consider the link between sexual violence and substance use in both conflict and non-conflict related settings in future work.

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An experience driven model for addressing sexual violence against men: Prevention and response intervention in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo

Scope, rationale, and implication for social work

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The Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo is characterized by repeated wars and increased cases of sexual violence. The interventions are focused on women in most circumstances. Sexual violence against men is less known and there is no appropriate model for the care of men survivors of sexual violence in the Eastern DRC that takes into account the reality experienced by these men. Most international attention support female victims of sexual violence, but male victims are largely left in the shadows. This narrative brings into line the matter of gender sensitivity. This research has three interconnected objectives: To define the nature of sexual violence against men, its forms as well as its manifestations, to understand the difficulties related to this situation concerning the social, psychological, and economic repercussions that it produces in urban and rural households. This research contributes significantly to the debates within the framework of the theme of sexual violence against men in particular and sexual violence in general. The following research is involved: How do professionals intervene and what are the constraints they are meeting in the local context of caring for men survivors of sexual violence? What model of social intervention should be adapted for men survivors of sexual violence in post-conflict settings? Through purely qualitative research, we will collect different opinions to produce knowledge that would help develop a social intervention model through the involvement of social workers in eastern DRC. The intervention model should be based on integrative practices, restorative practices, and adaptive practices.

About the author:

Mr. Muhula Kapalata Gloire is a research and teaching assistant at the Université Evangelique en Afrique (UEA-Bukavu) located in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo. He is currently a master's student at Makerere University in the Department of Social Work in the program entitled: „Social Sector Planning and Management“. He holds a bachelor's degree in Social Work from the Department of Social Work at UEA-Bukavu. His current research interests are in the area of child protection, prison social work, gender-based sexual violence, social sector planning and management, urban governance, decolonising social work, as well as having very good skills in social work intervention methods (casework, group work, and community work). In addition, he is a member of a youth organisation called Cocorico Asbl, which works to promote young talent in the province of South Kivu in the Eastern DRC.

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Perspectives on Disclosure – Disclosure Processes of Male CRSV Survivors reported by Psychosocial and Mental Health Care Professionals in Germany

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Background: Male survivors of conflict related sexual violence (CRSV) face significant external and internal barriers to disclose their victimization, which impede the delivery of proper mental health care and may delay recovery. In a recent epidemiological study, 32.6% of male refugees surveyed in a first reception facility in Germany reported experiences of sexual violence. This underlines the relevance of understanding male disclosure processes in transcultural psychosocial and mental health care settings in order to support disclosure and facilitate trauma processing.

Aim: The present study explores how mental health and psychosocial care professionals who work with male refugee survivors of CRSV describe male survivors' disclosure processes during treatment and which determinants relevant for disclosure they identify.

Method: Ten problem-centered expert interviews with mental health professionals working with refugee male survivors of CRSV in Germany were analyzed using qualitative content analysis with an inductive-deductive approach.

Preliminary results: Within professionals' statements, four dimensions of disclosure barriers and facilitators (*Professional's Determinants, Survivor's Determinants, Interpersonal Determinants* and *Sociocultural Determinants*) and two dimensions describing the disclosure process itself (*Dimensions of Disclosure* and *Quality of Narration*) were identified. Each dimension contains three to six subdimensions.

Conclusion: From the professionals' perspectives, survivors take an active part in regulating their disclosure processes, while several measures can be taken to externally support and co-regulate disclosure to be successful and beneficial. Consequently, professionals need to be sensitive for indications

of male CRSV and be aware of the complexity of disclosure and its relevance to trauma processing and healing. This calls for specific communication skills trainings that include perspectives on tabooed topics and transcultural communication. Future research needs to include survivors' perspectives on disclosure processes and relate them to the present findings.

About the author:

Kim Schönenberg has studied Psychology in Germany (University of Mainz, University of Leipzig) and in Sweden (Lund's University) and has taken additional classes in Gender Studies and Sociology. She is a PhD candidate and research associate in the research group "Psychotraumatology and Migration Research" at the Department of Medical Psychology and Medical Sociology at the Medical Faculty of the University of Leipzig since 2020. Currently, she is researching on the topic of sexual violence against men in the context of war and forced displacement, particularly on the issues of psychological and psychosocial care for male survivors and disclosure of victimization. As of late, she is a psychotherapist in training in psychoanalysis and psychodynamic psychotherapy.

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A silenced reality on the way to the United Kingdom: Sexual violence against migrant men and boys in Belgium and France

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Contrary to gender stereotypes portraying male migrants as dangerous, hypersexual and invulnerable, research indicates male migrants face high risks to experience sexual violence. With sexual victimization rates reaching up to 37,20% in male migrants in transit in Morocco, sexual violence seems to be particularly common along the route and in transit. This regularity of male sexual violence has recently been reported in migrants in transit on the English Channel route, aiming to reach the UK. Despite the omnipresence of sexual violence against male migrants in transit, current knowledge holds considerable gaps. First, considering the wide-ranging impact of sexual violence, its impact on male migrants' physical, mental and sexual health as well as on masculine identities is unclear. Second, at the level of care practices and legislation, there is a lack of evidence on male-inclusive approaches. This research aims to tackle these gaps. Preceded by ethnographic fieldwork through participant observation, male migrant victims' experiences will be recorded through longitudinal qualitative in-depth interviews and Ecological Momentary Assessment. These accounts will be triangulated with the perspectives of professionals, gathered through focus group discussions, and a critical appraisal of policy approaches. Ultimately, findings can inform politicians and practitioners to adopt inclusive approaches toward all victims of sexual violence and encourage further research.

About the author:

Graduated as a Master in Social Work and Social Pedagogy, I aspire to study the lived experiences and impact of sexual violence on men's health and masculine identity. My study focusses specifically on migrant men and boys who aim to migrate further towards the United Kingdom. I apply a mixed-methods study design combining ethnographic fieldwork and participatory

methods over a longitudinal timespan. Previously, I was involved in the European project INHeRE, improving capacity and knowledge of professionals working with migrant victims of sexual violence. To broaden my knowledge on European policy-making, I am involved in an Master programme on European Integration and Development with a special focus on “Migration” and “Climate governance”.

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Conflict-related and sexual trauma in Arabic-speaking treatment-seeking men: Prevalence and relationship with sociodemographic and psychological aspects

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Conflict-related sexual violence (CRSV) against men and boys has not only been largely ignored for a long time by political institutions and decision-makers as well as civil society organisations but also by empirical researchers of all disciplines including psychology. Hence, only very few data exist on the phenomenon and its mental health consequences. The aim of the research project is to begin to fill this gap by analysing trauma-related, socio-demographic, and psychometric data from Arabic-speaking individuals from more than 30 countries.

Materials and method: The sample consists of 2323 treatment-seeking men who completed an online screening survey to take part in an internet-based treatment for either posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) or depression in Arabic. First, the sample is analysed with a focus on the prevalence of CRSV against men and their sociodemographic characteristics. Further, psychological phenomena and possible consequences are analysed by focusing on psychopathology, disclosure, guilt, shame, and quality of life.

Preliminary results: Analyses show that 1707 male participants (73.5% of all men) reported one or more traumatic experiences. From these, 600 (35.1% of men with trauma) reported sexual contacts under the age of 18 with a person at least 5 years older, 306 (17.9%) sexual assaults by strangers, 251 (14.7%) sexual assaults by family members or acquaintances, and 615 (28.8%) reported conflict-related trauma. Further descriptive and inferential statistical analyses will be applied.

Discussion: The preliminary results show that a high proportion of men seeking psychological treatment experienced trauma that involved sexual violence and/or were conflict-related. Further analyses will be presented, and research-related and practical implications are discussed.

About the authors:

Max Vöhringer studied psychology (M.Sc.) and geography (M.Sc. equivalent) at Freie Universität Berlin and Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn (both Germany) and has a research focus on posttraumatic psychological disorders such as posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) or Prolonged Grief Disorder and their treatment in Arabic-speaking populations. In addition to his scientific work he is currently completing a postgraduate qualification as a psychodynamic psychotherapist.

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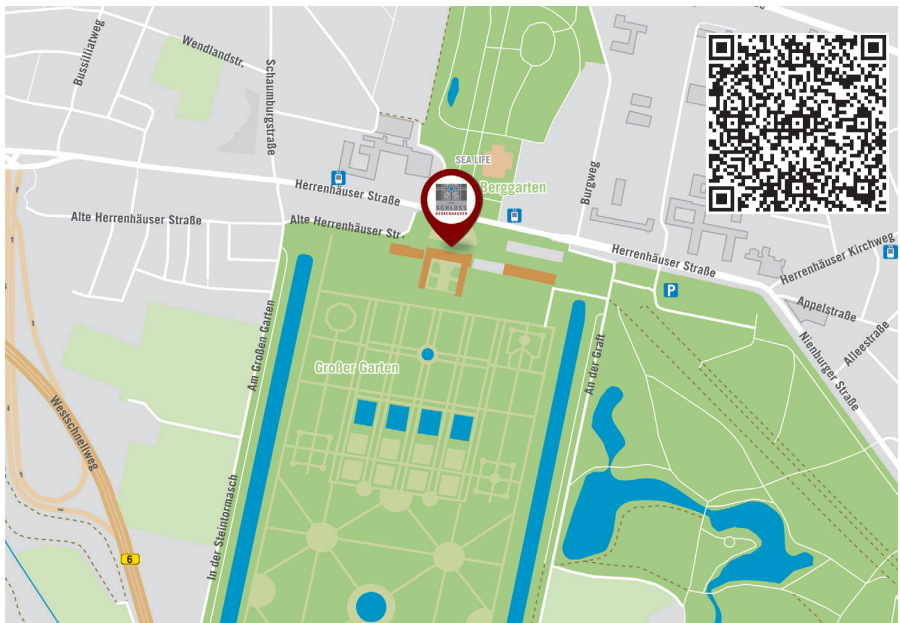
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