

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE. RESPONSIBILITY, PREVENTION, RESPONSE, ACTIONS

International Conference - University of Salerno

18-19 November
2024



Gender-based violence. Responsibility, Prevention, Response, Actions

University of Salerno 18 - 19 November 2024

Recent years have been marked by an increase in violence in everyday life in its various forms, particularly against the "weaker" subjects, first of all women, then minors, the disabled, the migrants, the old people and others, and by important positions and initiatives taken by Institutions, Health Services and civil society, which have highlighted, within a more general problem, how violence against women often has direct fatal consequences for them, but also causes considerable physical and emotional suffering in various situations, often affecting their children and their families.

There is a growing awareness of the fact that these women who have suffered violence often come to the emergency services not only manifesting health needs, but also protection needs and the need to find a way out of these forms of "harmful" relationships. These are needs that are often the expression of a real emergency and whose solution requires the collaboration and integration of different professional

Under the patronage of:

skills, in order to avoid any underestimation of the problem. Precisely because of its frequent recurrence, it was felt necessary to pause and reflect on this reality in order to deepen our knowledge and research, to compare and debate, also in the light of new operational methods that are possible, timely and effective.

This *massive wave* of violence, articulated in a daily bulletin of feminicides, aggressions and censorship of any autonomy, the return or renewal of patriarchal, family and institutional cultures, often based on a profound ignorance of natural processes (this is what often exalts stereotypes or, even, is the premise of a multiplier of diseases and infections), has had as its component the re-emergence of contradictory positions aimed at reducing many manifestations of violence to a subordinate position. This is often based on a profound ignorance of natural processes (which often exacerbates stereotypes or even presupposes a multiplication of diseases and infections), has had as its component the re-emergence of contradictory positions aimed at downgrading many manifestations of violence to a subordinate or accessory position, often tending to turn the victim into a direct or indirect agent.

This year, for the reasons briefly outlined above, we believe it would be useful to deepen and broaden our long-term reflection on violence against women, and to identify it as part of the discussion:

- Maltreatment of different kinds, forms and duration in private and public spaces, in the family, at work, in sport, leisure and other places of everyday life;
- Power inequalities as a form of relationship between sexes and genders; the resulting silent violence in institutions and places of work and relationships;
- Homophobic violence and the stigmatisation of anything that deviates from heterosexual norms and traditional roles of women and men (the condemnation of the sexual and relational freedom of women and all individuals, from lesbianism to homosexuality).

Our initiative is aware that any reference to tradition can be a means of reproducing and reinforcing gender roles, models and relationships based on stereotypical references and in opposition to all the differences within the new generations. As in every phase of crisis of traditional roles and identities, this one also generates anxiety, frustration and disorientation in many social areas, shifting the understanding of the new in the search for answers in violent and aggressive behaviours or in rules that re-propose liquidating sanctions for situations and social phenomena that can no longer be postponed.

The aim of the conference is to promote an interdisciplinary debate on the subject, asking what could be the most appropriate socio-cultural transformations for action and prevention, in order to counteract violent actions, to invest in and implement a culture of awareness between generations and genders, and to present the results of the research and research actions that will be presented by the speakers, in the awareness that the current forms of diffusion of violence require, first of all, a critical evaluation of what has been achieved and implemented so far, and the identification of timely measures, rooted in the territory, even in places that have so far been left out of the reflection, for further prevention and containment.



The Scientific Committee aims to further enrich this discourse through the presentation of abstracts that consider, but are not limited to, the following topics:

- Men's violence from responsibility to prevention;
- Women and girls victims of violence: victimization, loss of self, intergenerational relationship
- Sexual orientation and violent discrimination;
- Peer to peer in eliminating and combating gender and homophobic violence: assumptions, actions, predictable or expected outcomes;
- Workplaces: abuse, mistreatment, harassment, violence;
- Power and violence in gender relations ;
- Health services and best practices for countering and treating gender-based violence;
- Shortcomings, inefficiencies, and contradictions in recent legislation for young girls and women;
- Symbolic and systemic violence;
- Discrimination, violence, and health across the life course;
- Digital environments and new forms of violence;
- Generations, violence, and culture;
- Pornography and violence;
- Territories and violence.

Submission guidelines

Proposals must be sent in a word file, in Italian or English, and include: The session in which you intend to participate; Title of the paper; 5 keywords. An abstract of no more than 250 words including a bibliography of no more than five entries. Name(s) and contact details (affiliation, country, e-mail) of the author (s) included. The proposal must be emailed to the organization of the Conference (violenceagainstwomen@unisa.it), **no later than October 15, 2024**. All senders will receive an e-mail notification on accepted papers by October 25, 2024. The time available for a presentation of your intervention is 15 (fifteen) minutes.

As in the previous edition, the best papers will be selected for publication in the special issues dedicated to the conference on A-grade Journals or an International Handbook of research, after double-blind peer review by anonymous referees. Therefore, anyone wishing to participate in the publication of their paper must submit it by December 15, 2024. Papers of no more than 35,000 characters, including APA references and notes, must be received by the deadline.

Those who will not be able to present their paper on the day of the conference are kindly asked not to send in their paper, as it will not be reviewed.

Scientific Coordinator: Giuseppina Cersosimo

Scientific Committee: Francesco De Caro, Angela Di Stasi, Paola Iovino, Ornella Malandrino, Giuseppe Masullo

Organizing Committee: Lucia Landolfi (coordinator), Marianna Campitelli, Marianna Coppola, Miriam Matteo, Giuseppina Moccia

Website: www.violenceagainstwomenandgirls.org

Graphic design: Lucia Landolfi, Assunta Penna

Under the patronage of:



ordine dei medici
e degli odontoiatri
della provincia di salerno