



Inaugural Asia-Pacific Conference on Gendered Violence and Violations

10-12 February 2015, Sydney

Never Stand Still

Gendered Violence Research Network



CALL FOR PAPERS:
closes 5 September 2014

Conference Background

The Gendered Violence Research Network (GVRN) – a joint initiative of UNSW Arts and Social Sciences and UNSW Law – will hold its **inaugural Asia-Pacific conference on Gendered Violence and Violations** at **UNSW Australia** (The University of New South Wales) in **Sydney** on **10-12 February 2015**.

Gendered violence is increasingly recognised as a major global problem and constitutes a violation of human rights for women, men, children and elders. This ground-breaking international conference with an Asia-Pacific focus will combine and expand interdisciplinary research and practitioner knowledge to encourage innovation and best practice in responding to gendered and sexualised violence. It will also be an opportunity to explore less visible violations related to gendered inequality and injustice, including the continuing effects of colonisation.

Conference Themes / Streams

The GVRN conference aims to facilitate the exchange of perspectives, ideas and strategies between countries, regions and sectors, and will focus on the following conference themes/streams:

- **Investigating psycho-social, therapeutic and prevention interventions for gendered violence and violations:** *what are emerging interventions and do we know how effective they are, and can we intervene and prevent at the same time?*
- **Engaging with policy and legal responses to gendered violence and violations:** *how are policies at different levels being designed, implemented and evaluated; and what are existing and potential innovative legal responses?*
- **Exploring conceptualisations and representations of gendered violence and violations:**

how can various art forms – literature, television, visual arts and multimedia – be used by diverse cultural groups, and produce spaces of critique and agency?

Abstract Submissions / Call for Papers

The GVRN seeks submissions from academics, practitioners, policy makers, activists and advocates that address any of the conference themes, as well as the topics below.

Forms of gendered violence, including:

- Sexual assault
- Domestic and family violence
- Intimate partner violence
- Child sexual abuse
- Trafficking for domestic and sexual slavery and exploitation
- Survival sex
- Conflict-related sexualised violence
- Gendered violence in migration, refugee and diaspora communities
- Female infanticide

Areas related to gendered violence, including:

- Cultural representations in literature, art, television and film
- Law and justice reform
- Theoretical and conceptual explorations
- Disability and other intersectional issues
- Intergenerational effects of colonisation
- Perpetrators and offenders
- Primary prevention
- Trauma-informed care
- Service gaps.

Submission Guidelines

Please submit abstracts of up to 200 words for 20 minute oral/paper presentations (excluding time for Q&A) along with a brief biography using the link to UNSW's online **conference manager as below**. Proposals for complete panels (up to 3 presenters) and suggestions for chairs are also welcome. The deadline for abstracts is **Friday, 5 September 2014**.

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Selection of Papers

We particularly welcome submissions that introduce **challenging and unconventional perspectives, emerging evidence on the effectiveness of interventions, and those which are globally relevant or from the Asia-Pacific region**. Other criteria for selection will include **quality, organisation and clarity, originality, accessibility and relevance to current debates related to gendered violence**. If papers are based on empirical research, preference will be given to abstracts showing evidence of research results.

Papers presented elsewhere may be submitted for consideration at this conference provided that full

disclosure is made in the abstract submission.

Acceptance of papers for presentation at the conference is necessarily competitive. Selection will be the responsibility of the GVRN Conference Academic Committee, and will be based on the abstracts submitted. The GVRN Conference Academic Committee reserves the right to decline any submission.

Notification of acceptance will be on or before **Friday, 17 October 2014**. Successful applicants will be notified using the email address provided in the submission. Applicants must confirm their intention to participate and have paid their registration fees (at the discounted early bird rate) by **Friday, 14 November 2014**.

Publications

Selected contributors will be invited to submit extended versions of their papers for inclusion in one of several peer-reviewed post-conference publications.

About the Gendered Violence Research Network

GVRN members explore gendered violence – also known as gender-related or gender-based violence – as an expression of power and control over individuals or groups because of their gender. GVRN's research interests span traumatic experiences including sexual assault, rape, domestic and family violence, conflict-related sexual violence, trafficking for domestic and sexual exploitation, and girl child infanticide.

Subscribe for More Information

For updates on the conference – including the launch of the conference website, registrations opening, program details, confirmed speakers, master classes and poster sessions, sponsorship/partnership opportunities – as well as information about other GVRN activities, please subscribe to our e-List:

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