



Federal Ministry for  
Family Affairs, Senior Citizens,  
Women and Youth

# Everyday violence and human rights

23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> of September 2004  
Osnabrueck, Germany

Program



Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> of September 2004

Location: Stadthalle (conference center)

## »New German research on gender-based violence – methodology, prevalence, impact and intervention«

(German-speaking with simultaneous translation)

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Senior Citizens, Women and Youth

Moderator: Dr. Renate Klein

European Network on Conflict, Gender and Violence,  
University of Maine

10:15 Welcome

*Frau Christel Riemann-Hanewinkel  
Parliamentary State Secretary, Ministry for  
Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth*

10:30 Bridging gender and generational divides:

**Towards an integrated perspective on human rights and health in everyday life.**

*Prof. Dr. Carol Hagemann-White, University of  
Osnabrueck, Co-ordinator of CAHRV*

11:00 »Life situation, personal safety and health of women in Germany« – Results from the first German prevalence study on violence against women.

*Prof. Dr. Ursula Mueller, Dr. Monika Schroettle  
Interdisciplinary Women's Research Center,  
University of Bielefeld*

In the survey 10.000 women were questioned about violence experiences in various life situations. The study, conducted from 2002 to 2004 by the Interdisciplinary Women's Research Center of Bielefeld University in Cooperation with the social research institute infas, was commissioned by the German Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth.

Discussion

12:30 Lunch

2:00 Results from the first German pilot-study

»Violence against men«

*Research team: Dr. Ralf Puchert, Ludger Jungnitz,  
Willi Walter, Hans-Joachim Lenz, Dr. Henry Puhe*

The research team developed and tested an instrument for a representative study to survey the prevalence, circumstances and consequences of violence against men. The researchers consulted literature and conducted qualitative interviews with experts and with violence-affected men in order to develop this instrument. The presentation will give a review of the fields wherein men experience violence. It will offer estimates about the extent of violence against men and discuss future research needs.

Discussion

3:30 Coffee Break

4:00 From local innovation to standards of good practice? Evaluation of intervention projects against domestic violence in Germany

*Research team »WiBIG«, University of Osnabrueck,  
Prof. Dr. Barbara Kavemann, Beate Leopold, Stefan  
Beckmann, Ulrike Brandfass, Katja Grieger, Heike Rabe*

Since 1997, multi-agency co-operation has been emerging as a distinct methodology for addressing and overcoming domestic violence in Germany. The »WiBIG« group presents results from 6 years of continuous evaluation research on the process and the outcomes of intersectoral co-operation on the levels of the city, the region, and the »Land«. Particular attention is given to:

- development and implementation of legal reforms (police intervention, civil and criminal law);
- innovative support services for direct and indirect victims;
- perpetrator programs;
- comparative analysis of different organisational models of cooperation.

Discussion

5:30 Break

5:45 Statements of Experts in Policy, Science and Practice

*Frau Christel Riemann-Hanewinkel (Parliamentary State Secretary, Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth), Prof. Sylvia Walby (University of Leeds), Prof. Liz Kelly (London Metropolitan University), Prof. Dr. Helmut Kury (University of Freiburg i.Br.), Eva-Maria Bordt (German coordination of women's shelters), Prof. Dr. Martin Paul (Dean of the medical faculty - Charité Berlin)*

- 6:40 Overall assessment in light of European research and policies  
*Prof. Myra Marx Ferree, European Union Center and Center for German and European Studies, University of Wisconsin, Madison*
- 7:00 Invitation to an informal get-together with snacks

## Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> of September 2004

Location: Seminar Building (Kolpingstraße 7)

### Opening Conference of the Co-ordination Action on Human Rights Violations (CAHRV)\*

#### »Human Rights and Health in a Gender Perspective«

- 9:15 **Welcome**  
*Prof. Dr. Rainer Künzel, President, University of Osnabrück*
- 9:30 **Health impact of violence: Struggling to demonstrate the obvious**  
*Patrizia Romito (PhD), University of Trieste*
- 10:15 **Child maltreatment as a gendered human rights violation: The evidence base**  
*Prof. Corinne May-Chahal, University of Lancaster*
- 11:00 **Coffee Break**
- 11:45 **Gendered practice and masculinity in EU accession countries**  
*Prof. Irina Novikova, University of Latvia*
- 12:30 **Towards good practices and evaluation addressing domestic violence in the health system**  
*Daniela Gloor, Hanna Meier, Social Insight*
- 1:15 **Lunch**
- 3:00 **General assembly of CAHRV Consortium**
- 8:00 **Gala Dinner**  
*Hotel Walhalla*

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## Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> of September 2004

Parallel sessions of the four sub-networks with introductory presentations (10:00 – 10:30) by the co-ordinator of each sub-network – time to discuss goals and plan the work in detail

### Sub-network 1: Identifying and profiling victimisation

- 10:00 »Violence as cause of victim's health problems: cost for society and its role in the prevention«  
*Prof. Manuela Martinez, University of Valencia, Co-ordinator of SN 1*

### Sub-network 2: The roots of inter-personal violence: gendered practices, social exclusion and violation

- 10:00 »Moving forward on comparative critical studies of men: a group discussion«  
*Prof. Keith Pringle, Aalborg University, Co-ordinator of SN 2*

### Sub-network 3: Addressing human rights violations

- 10:00 »Evaluating policing in cooperation with feminist advocacy«  
*Prof. Jalna Hanmer, University of Sunderland, Co-ordinator of SN 3*

### Sub-network 4: Protective environmental factors securing human rights

- 10:00 »Developing human rights – Changes in men's lives as a key link?«  
*Dr. Ralf Puchert, Dissens e.V., Co-ordinator of SN 4  
 Dr. Oeystein G. Holter, The Work Research Institute, Oslo*

- 10:30 Time to discuss goals, methods and working plan in each sub-network (coffee-break incl.)
- 1:00 Lunch
- 2:30 Continuation of sub-network meetings
- 4:30 Coffee break
- 5:00 Plenary session: Cross-cutting activities for all sub-networks – plans and perspectives
- 6:00 End of conference

## Summary of CAHRV

The Co-ordination Action on Human Rights Violation (CAHRV) has selected interpersonal violence as its main theme. Violence against women is recognized as a serious challenge to democracy and social cohesion; this awareness now needs to be extended to the victimisation of men, children, elders or socially vulnerable groups. Each act of violence may generate a cascade of further problems. Undeterred victimisation detracts from other basic rights: for example, sexual abuse is a hidden cause of poor health, domestic intimidation restricts access to social participation, bullying negates the right to education. The field of interpersonal violence typifies fragmentation in addressing human rights violations. Each type of violation and setting has been seen as a distinct concern, research and actions look either at child abuse or at racist youth violence, at domestic violence or at trafficking. Theoretical and practical links between the different aspects of violence have been neglected. CAHRV will develop methods to account for and overcome fragmentation in research, policy and practice. It will build on networks for women, children and men established under Frameworks IV and V, under the DAPHNE and STOP programs and on the work of experts for the Council of Europe, and will identify and co-operate with sites of excellence.

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