

# Special Issue

## Sexual Relationships, Sexual Behaviors and Gender-Based Violence

### Message from the Guest Editor

Gender-based violence consists of sexual, physical, or emotional violence committed against someone based on their gender, and it most often affects women and girls, including within both their family and relationships. This worldwide phenomenon, often rooted in cultural standards and prompted by social and psychological dynamics, has been the source of political and social struggle. In order to prevent and mitigate such dynamics, political entities must find support in science, as scientific evidence is crucial for triggering social action and guiding political decision-making.

In this regard, a strong focus is placed on the sexuality domain, how (sexual) violence emerges in the context of sexual relationships, and how it intersects with the vast areas of sexual behaviors, attitudes, roles, and/or narratives.

This Special Issue attempts to bring together evidence on the psychological, social, and relationship dynamics shaping gender-based violence, providing an evidence-based platform for discussing and informing intervention actions, at the individual, community, and political levels.

All types of methodological inquiries are welcome.

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