

Special Issue

Gender-Based Violence and the Lived Experiences of Survivors

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue invites original research articles, reviews, and conceptual papers that contribute to a deeper understanding of gender-based violence (GBV) through the perspectives and lived experiences of survivors. We welcome interdisciplinary submissions from the social sciences, public health, law, and related fields that examine GBV in its many forms, including intimate partner violence, sexual assault, harassment, trafficking, reproductive coercion, and structural or institutional violence. Manuscripts are encouraged to engage critically with frameworks of intersectionality, power, and inequality. Studies that foreground survivor voices, agency, and resilience, as well as those that explore culturally grounded or community-driven responses to violence, are of particular interest. This SI seeks to advance theory, research, and practice by highlighting innovative methodologies, ethical considerations, and evidence-based interventions that promote healing, justice, and social change. In particular, we encourage contributions addressing underrepresented populations, global perspectives, and survivor-centered policy implications.

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