

Special Issue

Structural Interventions to Promote the Health, Safety & Rights of Sex Workers: Decriminalization and Beyond

Message from the Guest Editors

The inspiration for this Special Issue is to build on recent calls in a number of countries for criminal code policy change to decriminalize sex work as the best evidence-based strategy to reduce harms experienced by sex workers. Empirical papers that report research highlighting the structural factors (e.g., material hardship, poverty, insecure housing, multi-generational impacts of colonization, stigma, etc.) that play a key role in predisposing sex workers to elevated risk for social disadvantage and discuss other “structural interventions” beyond decriminalization of sex work are encouraged. Structural interventions refer to public health and other macro-level strategies that bridge rights and policies and promote health, well-being and dignity for sex workers by altering the structural context within which their health and safety is produced and reproduced. Papers that centre the voices of sex workers in recommendations for structural interventions to improve their life chances and realize their capabilities are especially welcomed. Submissions from disadvantaged regions of the globe are especially welcomed.

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