

# Researching Gender-based Violence: Methods and Meaning



## Background

Gender-based violence is prevalent globally. It occurs in many forms, including intimate partner violence, rape and coerced sex, child sexual abuse, and human trafficking. Such forms of gender-based violence are significant risk factors for poor health, impacting on individuals' physical, sexual and psychological health, as well as their social and economic well-being.

Evidence from rigorously conducted research is essential to ensuring that policies and services to prevent and respond to violence are well-designed and appropriate to the context where women, children, adolescents and men live. Conducting action-oriented research on gender-based violence that is robust and carried out in ethical and safe ways requires specific methodological approaches.

## The course

This course aims to strengthen participants' knowledge and skills to conduct or commission technically rigorous, ethical and policy- and service-relevant research on various forms of violence against women, children and adolescents.

It is intended for individuals who will conduct or commission research on gender-based violence. It will be of particular interest to those who want to add a 'violence component' to a study that is quantitative or qualitative or an intervention evaluation. It is relevant for individuals working on health-related topics such as sexual and reproductive health, maternal health, HIV, mental health and substance use.

The course will be taught through a series of online interactive lectures, practical exercises, group work and assigned reading.

## Course content

The course will cover topics including:

- Conceptualising and researching various forms of gender-based violence
- Associations between violence and health: current knowledge
- Ethics and safety
- Approaches to researching violence: qualitative, quantitative, mixed methods, intervention research
- Developing conceptual frameworks for violence and health research
- Survey research on violence and questionnaire design
- Intervention research: approaches and challenges
- Violence research in health care settings
- Violence research in humanitarian settings

## Key information



### Course organisers:

Dr Karen Devries, Dr Cathy Zimmerman and Dr Ana Maria Buller

The course will also feature lectures from Prof Charlotte Watts and visiting staff from other universities.



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