



# Fostering collective responsibility in prevention and ending women and gender-based violence issues

## Important Dates

**March 31, 2023:** Deadline for abstract submission (welcome but not compulsory)

**June 15, 2023:** Deadline for paper submission

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## Theme of the Special Issue

Gender-based violence is a major health and social problem. Despite the great advances in legislative, social and cultural fields, alarming numbers of the phenomenon is still reported (WHO, 2020; UN, 2020). It must also be kept in mind that gender-based violence remains mostly invisible and unreported (E-IGE, 2020). Unfortunately, the use of new technologies has further amplified gender-based violence, particularly in romantic relationships, and has brought out new forms of violence, so invisible, difficult to recognize and not well classified.

The current frame of reference for studying gender-based violence is mainly focused on the intra-individual dimensions both of the victims and of the perpetrators as well as interpersonal dynamics between victims and perpetrators. Although this approach facilitates the understanding of specific and salient aspects of gender violence, it does not take into account the role of the community and contextual dimensions in the prevention and ending actions of gender-based violence.

A multidimensional and ecological approach to gender-based violence is widely suggested by the World Health Organization which draws attention both on the cultural dimensions, such as the transmission of a patriarchal culture by sexist stereotypes and prejudices, and on the role and responsibility of all community stakeholder such as social professionals, legal health professionals, who get in contact with gender-based violence. Finally, last but not least, the role of community bystanders.

The present call focuses on the different forms of gender violence in romantic relationship in offline and online settings but welcomes papers on all forms of gender-based violence in intimate relationships and beyond. Papers on preventive action against gender-based violence are welcomed, in particular, experience and guidelines on how to enhance community agency and collective responsibility in ending gender-based violence.

The call welcomes theoretical papers as well as research and intervention contribution. The call invites all social and community psychologists that dealt with gender violence issues. Furthermore,

social and community psychologists, participants at 9th International Congress of Community Psychology, are also encouraged to contribute their papers under this call. Authors are invited to read the Author Guidelines for submission guidance.

## Details

Submitted papers should contain original and unpublished work and must be written in English. For non-native speakers, editing of the manuscript by a competent English-speaking editor is requested.

Papers are due **June 15, 2023**. Early submissions are welcome, as well as the submission of the abstracts by **March 31, 2023**.

All submitted papers will undergo the journal's regular peer review process.

Papers must be prepared in full accord with the journal's [Author guidelines](#) and be submitted through the journal portal (<http://siba-ese.unisalento.it/index.php/cpgp/index>).

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Papers unrelated to the theme of the special issue may be submitted at any time through the [journal's online submission system](#) and will be considered for publication in [Community Psychology In Global Perspective](#) as regular articles. Inquiries regarding the journal's aim, scope, and policy can be sent to [terri.mannarini@unisalento.it](mailto:terri.mannarini@unisalento.it).