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In light of the tragic and horrific killing of Sarah Everard and the arrest and charge of a serving police officer for her murder, readers are advised that this special edition issue does come with a trigger warning.

If it is of any consolation and comfort, as this has been a very difficult issue to compile and publish, I have also included some linked resources that use some justified swearing.



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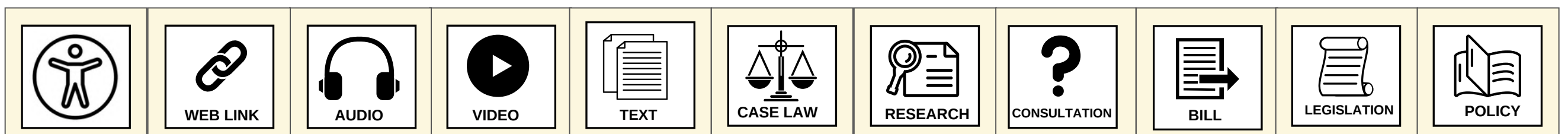
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WHAT WE DO AT UNIVERSITY OF WESTMINSTER FEMINIST LAW SOCIETY: @UOWFEMLAWSOC

As an affiliate of **Feminist Law Society of England and Wales**, University of Westminster Feminist Law Society's constitutional aims are in line with theirs:



- ★ To examine the law and legal profession through a feminist lens.
- ★ To educate ourselves and others on how to incorporate equal practice into study, research, legal work, and everyday life.
- ★ To provide others with the tools to recognise, address, and understand the realities of inequality.
- ★ To create and use resources that are inclusive of diverse learning styles and needs.



In the spirit of making educational, feminist law resources as accessible as possible, we also spend our time organising events and ensuring that they are also accessible for those with varying learning styles and needs. This means that we try to ensure that we capture and use the video, audio and transcript from our events and make those available for everyone wishing to learn about why we need feminist law and further incorporate what they have learnt into their academic work. Our live events have closed captions and **Accessible Creations Ltd** provides us with accessible educational resources to furnish our attendees with, ahead of our events.

All of these features, that relate to accessibility, are very important to us but some of them do cost money to provide. For example, we need to pay a video editor and we also need specific technological assistance. Therefore, if you are able to donate to University of Westminster Feminist Law Society so that we can continue to make feminist law as accessible as possible, we would be most grateful

DONATE TO UNIVERSITY OF WESTMINSTER FEMINIST LAW SOCIETY: 

'Honour' Crime and Legal Practice Panel with **Jasvinder Sanghera CBE, Payzee Mahmood and Cris McCurley**

The link to the online platform where the video and educational resources from our December 2020 event has been entered into this newsletter. However, at the time of writing, we are still currently waiting for our video to be edited for us. We know how important it is to educate widely on the topic of, so called, 'honour' crime, and the committee at University of Westminster Feminist Law Society is treating this project as a priority.



This is a past event



WHAT WE DO AT UNIVERSITY OF WESTMINSTER FEMINIST LAW SOCIETY CONT.

University of Westminster Feminist Law Society has hosted Feminist Law Society's **Feminist Law Lecture Programme** for the past two years



The **Feminist Law Society Programme of Feminist Law Lectures** invite speakers who take takes law school modules and deliver them through a feminist law lens.

In the past two years, we have facilitated:

2020:

Equity and Trusts Through A Feminist Law Lens;
Housing Law and Domestic Abuse Through A Feminist Law Lens; Legal Practice and Domestic Abuse Through A Feminist Law Lens

2021:

Public Law Through A Feminist Law Lens

Coming up in 2021:

Legal Practice Through A Feminist Law Lens with Harriet Wistrich;
Brexit Through A Feminist Law Lens with Professor Adam Lazowski

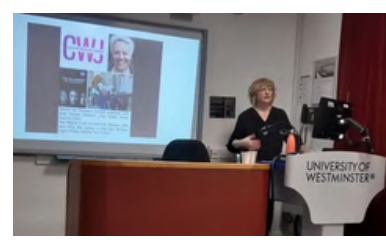


Photo by Helen

Watch award-winning solicitor, **Cris McCurely's** entertaining, engaging and motivational lecture that she delivered for us at Westminster Law School, to begin the 2020 lecture programme, during the week of International Women's Day



The price for a University of Westminster Feminist Law Society annual membership is very low. Members receive free access to all of our priced events, early release tickets for our free events, and there is a member only YouTube space for the feminist law lectures that have been retained for member only viewing. Our members receive a number of exclusive member only Newsletters throughout the year, exam seasons permitting.

In light of the exceptional momentum that has been created by a number of feminist law issues happening in synchronicity, and in the hope that readers will share this resource with their friends, family and colleagues, Maria has compiled this, larger than normal, newsletter and decided to make it a publicly and freely available. This is Maria's final newsletter for University of Westminster Feminist Law Society.

JOIN UNIVERSITY OF WESTMINSTER FEMINIST LAW SOCIETY



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP TO UNIVERSITY OF WESTMINSTER FEMINIST LAW SOCIETY RUNS FROM JULY

EVENTS:

FEMINIST LAW LECTURE PROGRAMME 2021

University of Westminster Feminist Law Society is hosting Feminist Law Society's Lecture Programme for a second year. The programme launched on International Women's Day 2021 with a lecture by

DR HARRIET SAMUELS: PUBLIC LAW THROUGH A FEMINIST LAW LENS:

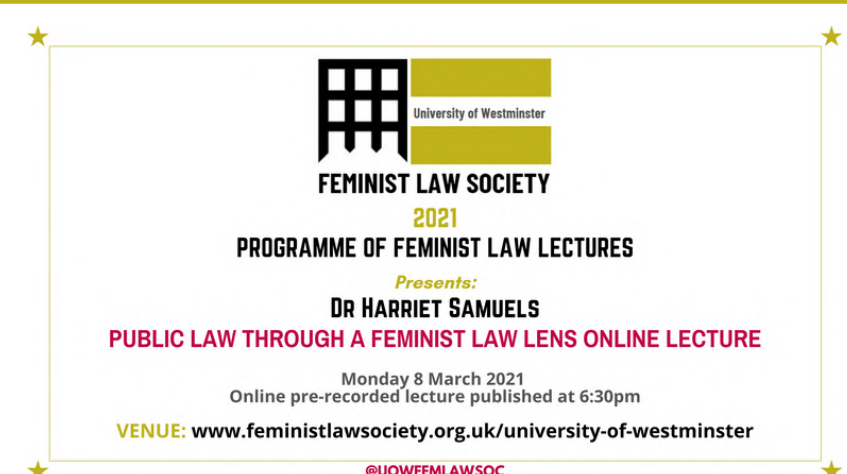
Dr Harriet Samuels – Public Law Through A Feminist Law Lens – was published on Monday 8 March at 6:30pm:


Dr Samuels and her engaging Public Law Lectures on the GDL were a key part of the process of inspiration that led us to form University of Westminster Feminist Law Society in 2019, so we are delighted that Dr Samuels has prepared this lecture for us to post on our dedicated section of Feminist Law Society's Website under the 'Universities' tab.


It feels like such a privilege to be able to attend law lectures at Westminster Law School and even more so to hear the depth of knowledge and considered application of feminist legal theory to the modules by lecturers such as Dr Samuels.


Dr Samuels' lecture introduction for '**Public Law Through A Feminist Law Lens**' is essentially an 'A, B, C' of feminist legal theory and is, not only a perfect introduction to her lecture, which holds a feminist law lens over public law but is, also a great way to kick off the 2021 Feminist Law Lecture Programme.

Thank you, Harriet, for all you have done and are doing. A smorgasbord of accessible links to TEXT of Dr Samuels publications can be found on Dr Samuels' dedicated section on **University of Westminster's** website [1] where you can also find accessible links to publications from **Centre for Law Gender Race and Sexuality** [2], the research group that Dr Samuels is part of.



Watch Dr Harriet Samuels' Public Law Through A Feminist Law Lens Lecture and download the accompanying lecture materials 

The Archers, the Radio, Violence against Women and Changing the World at Teatime
Samuels, H. 2020. The Archers, the Radio, Violence against Women and Changing the World at Teatime. *feminists@law*. 9 (2). 

Women Asylum Seekers in the Current Crisis: A Conversation Samuels, H. 

FEMINIST LAW LECTURE PROGRAMME 2021 CONT.



COMING UP ON 19 APRIL 2021



HARRIET WISTRICH: 

@HWistrich

LEGAL PRACTICE THROUGH A FEMINIST LAW LENS: 19 April at 6:30pm

Westminster Law School alumna and award-winning solicitor, Harriet Wistrich, is a partner at **Birnberg Pierce [3]** and co-founder of **Justice For Women [4]**. Harriet is also the founder and Director of the **Centre for Women's Justice [5]**, which is a feminist law organisation that holds the state to account for violence against women and girls and challenges discrimination in the criminal justice system.

Harriet acted for the many women who were deceived into sexual relationships with undercover police officers, also known as **#Spycops [6] [7]**. Harriet is an established feminist law campaigner and practitioner. Her strategic approach to litigation is finely demonstrated through the intervention that led to **R v The Parole Board of England and Wales and the Secretary of State for Justice and John Radford (formerly known as John Worboys)**. Access the **TEXT of the judgment [8]**, as well as the challenge that led to the landmark Supreme Court Judgement **Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis v DSD & Anor [2018] UKSC**. Watch the **VIDEO of the judgment [9]**.

Harriet also acted for Sally Challen for her high-profile appeal of her murder conviction. Sally had killed her husband after being subjected to decades of domestic abuse that was characterised by coercive control. Coercive control became a criminal offence under **s 76 of the Serious Crime Act 2015 [10]**. In a landmark ruling in **R v Challen [2019] EWCA Crim 916 [11]**, Sally's murder conviction was deemed to be unsafe on the grounds of diminished responsibility.

Harriet was involved through her organisation Justice For Women, along with other key feminist law organisations, in carrying out crucial research about women who kill their abusive partners. Find and download the **TEXT** of both the full and the summary reports and watch the **VIDEO** of the launch event of **'Women Who Kill'** research **[12]**.

More recently, Harriet has been locked in battle at the Administrative Court with a Judicial Review actioned by **End Violence Against Women Coalition against the Department of Public Prosecutions [13]**. The challenge was to ascertain '[w]hether there had been a change of approach by the Crown Prosecution Service from (2016/17 onwards) to the prosecution of Rape and Serious Sexual Offences (RASSO) cases' **[14]**.

Harriet Wistrich's 'Legal practice Through A Feminist Law Lens' lecture will be a live Zoom event with a Q&A section

REGISTER FOR HARRIET WISTRICH'S LIVE ONLINE LECTURE NOW:



Harriet speaks at the Undercover Policing, Democracy and Human Rights Meeting at University of Manchester School of Law 2016



VIDEO AND AUDIO OF SOME OF HARRIET'S WORK



Interview with Standard Issue
SIM Ep 476 IWD 2021 #1:
Harriet Wistrich and the fight for justice for women

The 2021 Feminist Law Lecture Programme rounds off with a European Law lecture by

PROFESSOR ADAM LAZOWSKI:

BREXIT THROUGH A FEMINIST LAW LENS: 7 JUNE AT 6:30PM

Professor Adam Lazowski – Brexit Through A Feminist Law Lens – date / time TBA:

Everyone's favourite Westminster EU Law lecturer, Professor Adam Lazowski, is set to deliver a 'Brexit through A Feminist Law Lens' lecture for us at the end of the programme in either May or June 2021.

Professor Lazowski has given evidence to the **EU Select Committee in 2012**, watch the **VIDEO here: [15]**, and he has been consulted by Government on Brexit.

Whichever way you voted in the Referendum, nobody cares anymore. The most important question now is 'How does Brexit impact our rights and freedoms?' A lecture that applies a feminist lens over this question promises to be intriguing, informative and, with Professor Lazowski, entertaining.

Read more about Professor Lazowski's body of work here: **[16]** and find links to **TEXT of Professor Lazowski's work here: [17]**.

Professor Lazowski's 'Brexit Through A Feminist Law Lens' lecture will be a live Zoom event with a Q&A section

MORE DETAILS OF HOW YOU CAN REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT WILL FOLLOW SOON

WATCH VIDEOS OF SOME OF PROFESSOR LAZOWSKI'S PREVIOUS WORKS WHICH CENTRE AROUND THE LAW OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Professor Adam Lazowski: Flying High: Passenger Rights, European Demos and Legitimacy of the Court of Justice
3 FEBRUARY 2016




Parliament TV European Union Select Committee
27 November 2012




International Women's Day 2021

#ChooseToChallenge



across all our media—we have all prayed that the name of Sarah Everard would never be on

House of Commons marks International Women's Day with a general debate in the Chamber - 11 March 21 - VIDEO 



International Women's Day Volume 690: debated on Thursday 11 March 2021 - TEXT: 




Image via International Womens Day YouTube
Choose To Challenge by Anisha Nandaula – Spoken Word Poet 


'Husband not guilty of murdering wife in lockdown'





Rachel Williams @Dontlook... · Feb 13
Another perp using the 'I just snapped' It is complete bullshit! As so many of us will know, there would have been history of domestic abuse. I hope this jury finds him guilty of murder. Rest in peace Ruth.


bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-...





Cwmbran murder accused man 'choked wife' days into lockdown  bbc.co.uk

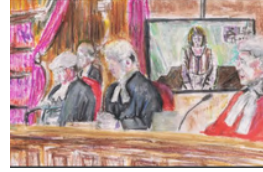
R v Anthony Williams
Sentencing remarks of HHJ P Thomas 


'Yet again we see deep-seated discriminatory attitudes laid bare by this latest sentencing which at its heart rests on a culture of misogyny. It is clear that women who resist male violence are punished most severely, whereas men who throttle their wives to death for no apparent reason are just "tragic" figures' — **Harriet Wistrich** 

R v Challen [2019] EWCA Crim 916 

R v Ahluwalia [1992] EWCA Crim 1 

WOMEN WHO KILL:
how the state criminalises women we might otherwise be burying 



WOMEN WHO KILL:
how the state criminalises women we might otherwise be burying 

PROVOKED 

'Unable to bear the brutality and repeated rapes by her alcoholic husband, Kiran Ahluwalia, a Punjabi housewife and mother of two in London, sets him on fire and kills him.'



Google Play 'Provoked' (trailer)


'Response to domestic homicide shows a culture of misogyny in the criminal justice system, say Commissioners'

Writing to Ministers on International Women's Day, the Domestic Abuse Commissioner and Victims Commissioner outline their concerns on sentencing and call for every domestic homicide to be subject to an independent review


'The Commissioners cite the recent case in South Wales of Anthony Williams as one such example. Mr Williams was sentenced to just 5 years for the manslaughter of his wife, Ruth Williams, on the grounds of diminished responsibility following the introduction of the first Covid-19 lockdown.

This compares with the life sentence that Sally Challen received in 2011, which was eventually quashed and reduced to a manslaughter charge with a fourteen-year jail term, of which she served nine years in prison. Sally Challen killed her husband after facing years of abuse and was initially convicted of murder.

The two Commissioners write: "When compared to the 5-year sentence handed down to Anthony Williams for killing his wife Ruth, it is difficult to understand the discrepancy."

The Commissioners say they fear women are disproportionately penalised. They cite evidence from the Centre for Women's Justice that women were more likely to use a weapon to defend themselves against an abusive partner, but this attracts a longer sentence than violence without a weapon' 

DOWNLOAD THE PDF TEXT LETTER FROM THE DOMESTIC ABUSE COMMISSIONER, NICOLE JACOBS, AND THE VICTIM'S COMMISSIONER, DAME VERA BAIRD QC:









#SARAHEVERARD

Sarah Everard went missing on her way home to Brixton, London, from a friend's house in, nearby, Clapham. After a long and extensive search, Sarah's body was found in woodland in Ashford. A serving Metropolitan Police Officer, in the Parliamentary and Diplomatic Protection Command, has been charged with her murder

'Sarah Everard: Timeline of 33-year-old's disappearance'



 <p>Cressida Dick: 'Detectives and search teams have found, very sadly, what appears to be human remains'</p> 	 <p>Image by Police Officer</p> <p>'Vile message cop sent to seven officers from Sarah Everard crime scene is sick parody of the Highway Code'</p> <p>The image 'shows a policeman going through six stages from abduction to murder in a pastiche of the Highway Code'</p> 	 <p>Mireille Cassandra Harper @mireillecharper</p> <p>To the white women saying how terrifying it is that a Met officer might be involved with the disappearance of Sarah Everard, reflect on the fact that Met officers disregard Black women's lives enough to take pictures of their dead bodies + share them on WhatsApp with their mates.</p> 
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#JUSTICEFORBIBAAANDNICOLE


Wembley park murders: PCs 'took selfies next to sisters' dead bodies'



'Nicole Smallman and Bibaa Henry's mother highlights the lack of "coverage and outrage" for murdered women of colour'




Police officers took selfies with Bibaa and Nicole's bodies and circulated them with colleagues in a WhatsApp group.



'[T]he mother of two women found dead in north London, has expressed her sympathy for the family of Sarah Everard – and questioned why the deaths of her daughters received comparatively little attention at the time.'



BBC Sounds

'Met Police didn't care' says mother of murdered sisters'

Mina Smallman explains that it was the family search, not the police search, that lead to the discovery of the bodies of her two daughters

36 hours after Bibaa and Nicole were reported missing, a search party of friends and family went to the picnic spot where both women were last seen alive, and within ten minutes of being at the scene of the crime, they found the murder weapon

'I think the notion of all people matter is absolutely right, but it's not true. Other people have more kudos in this world than people of colour. So, from my point of view, all women, women of colour, white women, all of us, we are on the same journey, we're on a journey to say that we all matter and actually, I can now use this specific situation of my girls and Sarah. They didn't get the same support, the same outcry.'

Mina Smallman



BBC Sounds

Mina Smallman:

'I am broken beyond words'

#BLESSINGOLUSEGUN



'The police are institutionally misogynist. They MUST now be held to account'
article by **Harriet Johnson**, barrister at Doughty Street Chambers 

#ForSarahEverard

'Sophy Ridge: Harassment of women is commonplace and it's time to get angry'



Image Sky News

'Time to focus on the perpetrators, not women'
Sky News - VIDEO



Image by @almarabgarian on Twitter

#ReclaimTheseStreets

A statement from the organisers of #ReclaimTheseStreets

'... We have taken urgent advice from a group of human rights lawyers from Bindmans LLP and Blackstone and Doughty Street Chambers. Their view is that the Metropolitan Police are wrong in their interpretation of the law ...'



#ReclaimTheseStreets

Sarah Everard vigil cancelled



Leigh & Ors v Commissioner of The Police of The Metropolis & Anor [2021] EWHC 661 (Admin)



Image BBC News

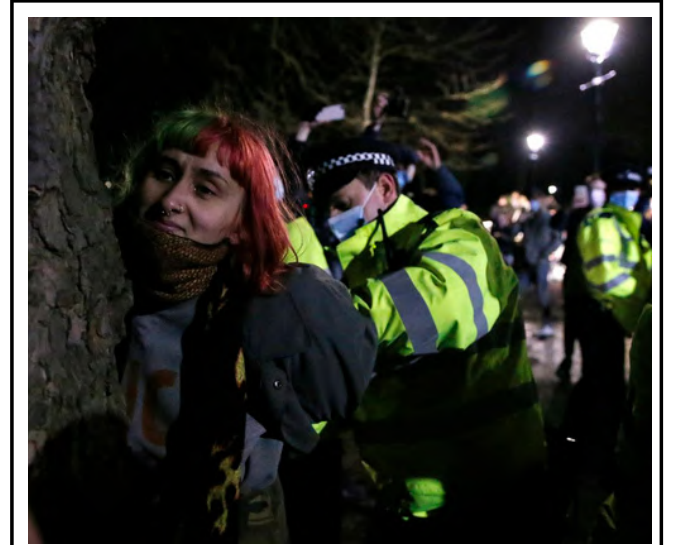
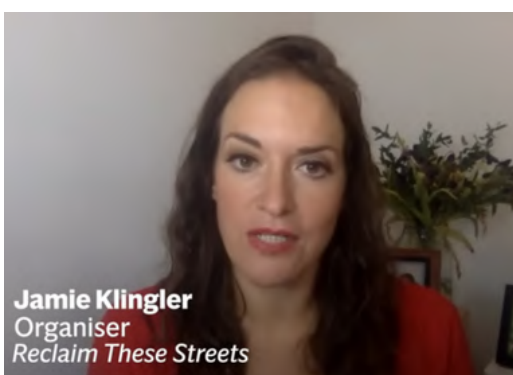


Image: Hollie Adams Getty images

#EnoughIsEnough

Reclaim These Streets organiser, Jamie Klingler, reacts to Metropolitan Police response to Sarah Everard vigil



Jamie Klingler
Organiser
Reclaim These Streets

Image Evening Standard

London Police Under Fire For Treatment Of Women At Sarah Everard Vigil



Image: WKAR

Policing and the Prevention of Violence Against Women

House of Commons VIDEO:

Hansard TEXT:



Clare's Law



Kay's Law



'The Metropolitan Police acted "appropriately" at a vigil for Sarah Everard in south London earlier this month, a police watchdog has found.'



Image BBC Reuters



Adam Wagner @AdamWagner1

The vigil report is worth reading in full because the picture is not as clear as this headline.

A big question which has hung over the police response has been if they got the law right or wrong.

This review concluded they got it *wrong*.

(thread)

justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/hmicfrs/wp-con...

In the Metropolitan Police decision to follow Operation Pima, there remains some evidence of the legal confusion we have identified above. For instance, there is the suggestion in the Gold Commander's log that:

"Whilst we do need to consider peoples article 10/11 rights throughout our decision making, a good chunk of this consideration has been done by Parliament, in that, in the All Tiers/National lockdown restrictions there was no exemption for protest/larger gatherings (where COVID safe measures had been taken), this measure was clearly in place in the Tier 2/3 restrictions so the intent of Parliament seems clear."

This is an incorrect interpretation of the All Tiers Regulations. For the reasons we have explained above, the fact that there was no exemption for protests under Tier 4 restrictions does not mean that any and all protests will be unlawful, and where COVID-19 safety measures are taken, this will be particularly relevant to whether or not a "reasonable excuse" defence is likely to be available.²⁸ There is also evidence of the concern for consistency between protest groups, which, as noted above, should not lead to an approach of treating all protest activity as invariably unlawful.

However, it does not follow that the police response to the events planned for 13 March 2021, or to the events that occurred on the day, was wrong. The Gold Commander's log explains why the Metropolitan Police considered that, following discussions with the organisers, a large planned gathering simply could not go ahead safely.



The Sarah Everard vigil

An inspection of the Metropolitan Police Service's policing of a vigil held in commemoration of Sarah Everard on Clapham Common on Saturday 13 March 2021

#TextMeWhenYouGetHome 



Emma Kennedy @EmmaKennedy

When #notallmen is trending higher than #saraheverard, do you see the problem?

7:25 PM · Mar 10, 2021 · Twitter for iPhone

7,297 Retweets 237 Quote Tweets 48.2K Likes




Kate McCann @KateEMcCann

What happened to Sarah Everard has hit home hard for so many women because we make the calculations she did every day too. We take the longer, better-lit route, push the fear aside for the voice that says 'don't be daft, you've every right to walk home alone at night and be safe'

4:11 PM · Mar 10, 2021 · Twitter Web App

20K Retweets 1,598 Quote Tweets 108.9K Likes

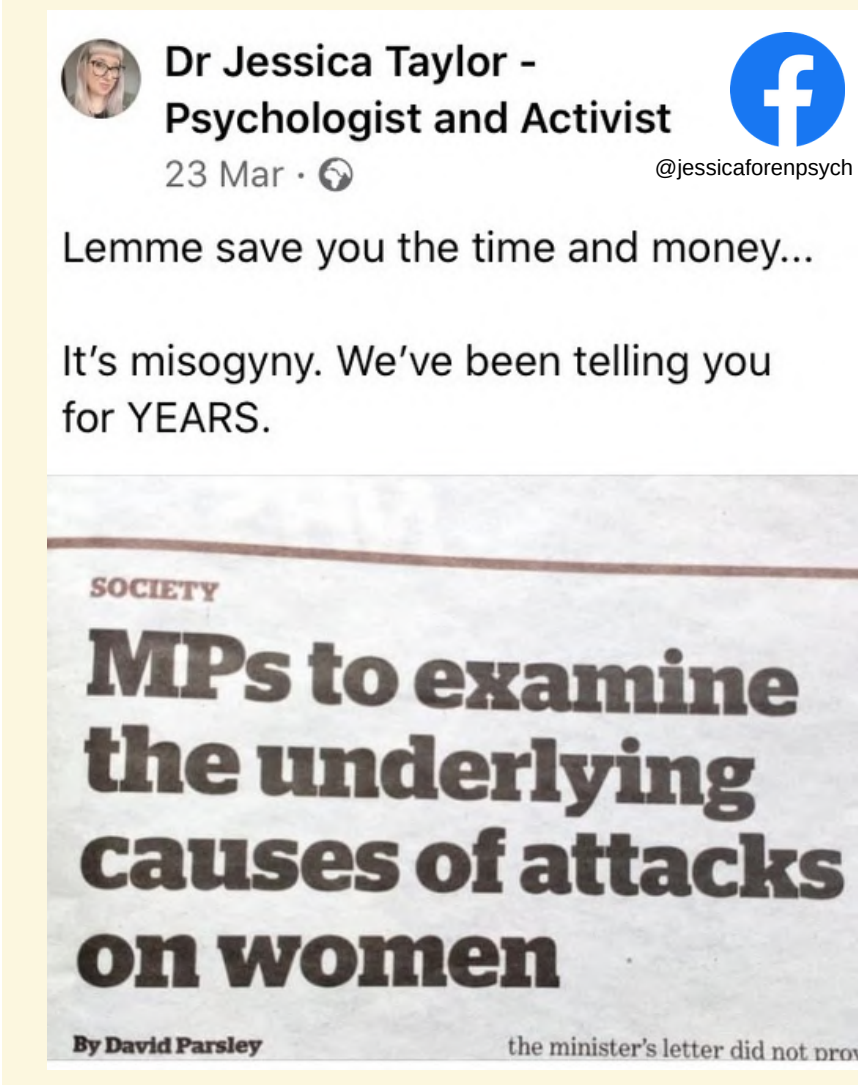
Kate McCann @KateEMcCann · Mar 10
Replying to @KateEMcCann
Tell friends 'it's fine, it's just around the corner, I'll text when I'm back' ...but still we make a plan - Keys gripped between fingers we map the corner shops we could duck into en-route. Swap shoes for trainers in case we need to run. Keep our music low or turned off.

Kate McCann @KateEMcCann · Mar 10
Even being on the phone has downsides. One eye is always on the person in front or behind - would they help me, might they be a threat? Should I cross the road, would that make it worse? Are there lights on in any of these houses if I need to pretend this is where I live?

Kate McCann @KateEMcCann · Mar 10
You're a grown woman and in no other area of your life do you feel so vulnerable. You resent it even though you understand there is a risk - however small. It is frustrating and tiring and constant. And yet sometimes, despite all those calculations, it still isn't enough.

 #TimesUp

- Harvard Grad Perfectly Explains Why Some People Insist On Saying "Not All Men"** 
- This kind of deflective behavior from men is just unacceptable** 
- From His Ted Talk "Violence Against Women: It's a Men's Issue" by Jackson Katz, PhD** 
- Florence Given: Saying "no" to men shouldn't be frightening** 
- Patriarchy as explained by LeAndra Lee Baker** 
- "Not all me-" Shut up Why do we need feminism in 2021?** 
- 'why do men feel threatened by women?' #GillianAnderson** 
- At a time when women NEED support, we are met with violence** 



Dr Jessica Taylor - Psychologist and Activist @jessicaforenpsych

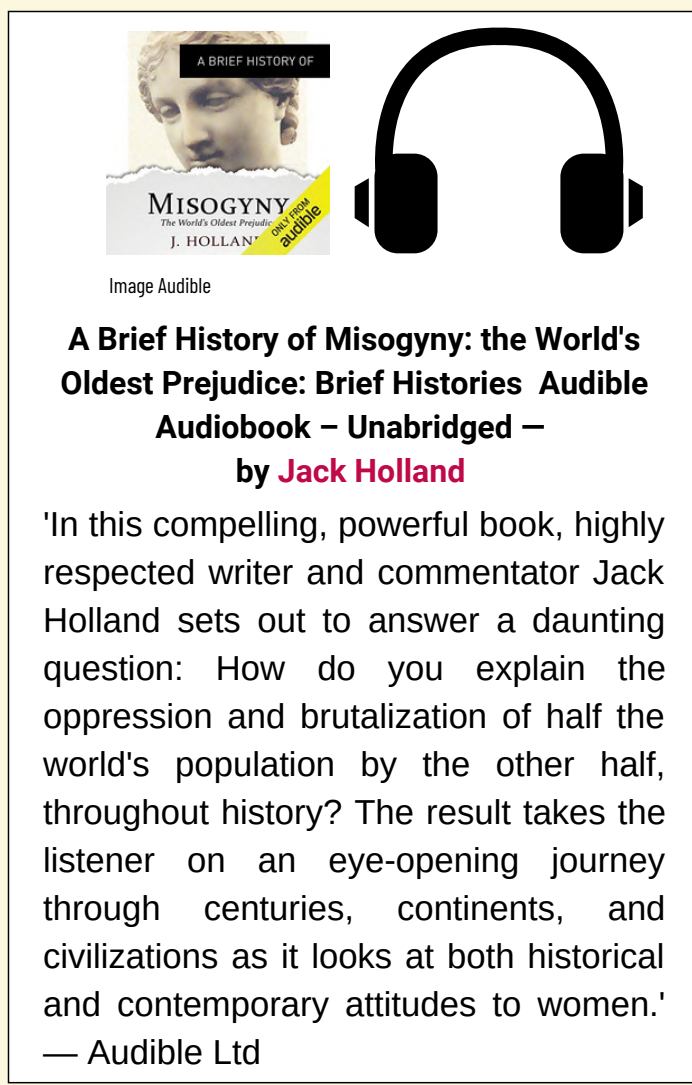
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Lemme save you the time and money...

It's misogyny. We've been telling you for YEARS.

MPs to examine the underlying causes of attacks on women

By David Parsley



A Brief History of Misogyny: the World's Oldest Prejudice: Brief Histories Audiobook - Unabridged - by Jack Holland

'In this compelling, powerful book, highly respected writer and commentator Jack Holland sets out to answer a daunting question: How do you explain the oppression and brutalization of half the world's population by the other half, throughout history? The result takes the listener on an eye-opening journey through centuries, continents, and civilizations as it looks at both historical and contemporary attitudes to women.'

— Audible Ltd



Down Girl: The Logic of Misogyny by Kate Manne

Why Women Are Blamed For Everything By Dr Jessica Taylor

Fawzi Bidawi (Capi... · 12/08/2019
Modern day feminism is an attack on men.

UzamakiJ @UzamakiJ
Replying to @BidawiFawzi
Not all men

#MaleViolence

FEMINIST LAW NEWS CONT:

Age, sex and ethnicity of convicted suspects

For the three-year period year ending March 2018 to the year ending March 2020, the vast majority of suspects convicted of homicide were male (1,023; 93%). Four in ten convicted male suspects were aged 16- to 24-years-old (40%), with 25% being 25- to 34-years-old and 16% being 35- to 44-years-old. (Appendix Table 27 and Figure 9).

Figure 9: Male suspects convicted of homicide show a younger age profile than female suspects

Percentage of convicted suspects, England and Wales, three years combined - year ending March 2018 to year ending March 2020

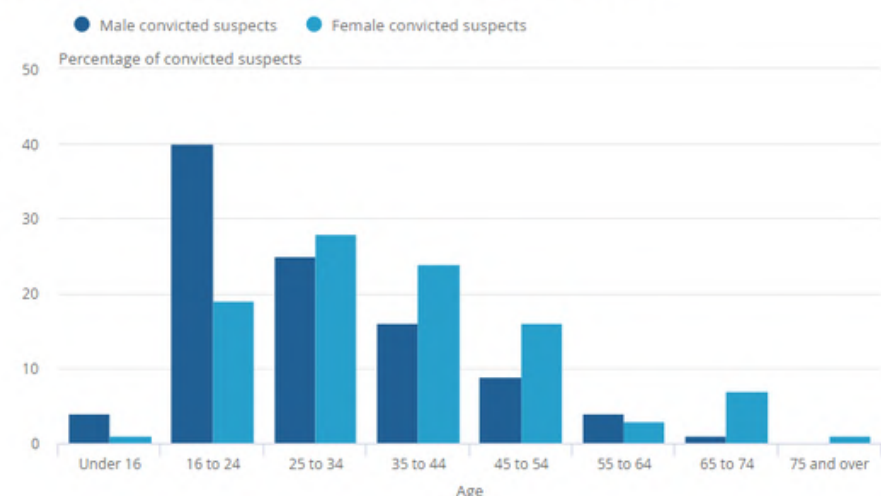


Image of graph and text from Office of National Statistics

Homicide in England and Wales: year ending March 2020

Analyses of information held within the Home Office Homicide Index, which contains detailed record-level information about each homicide recorded by police in England and Wales.



Office of National Statistics

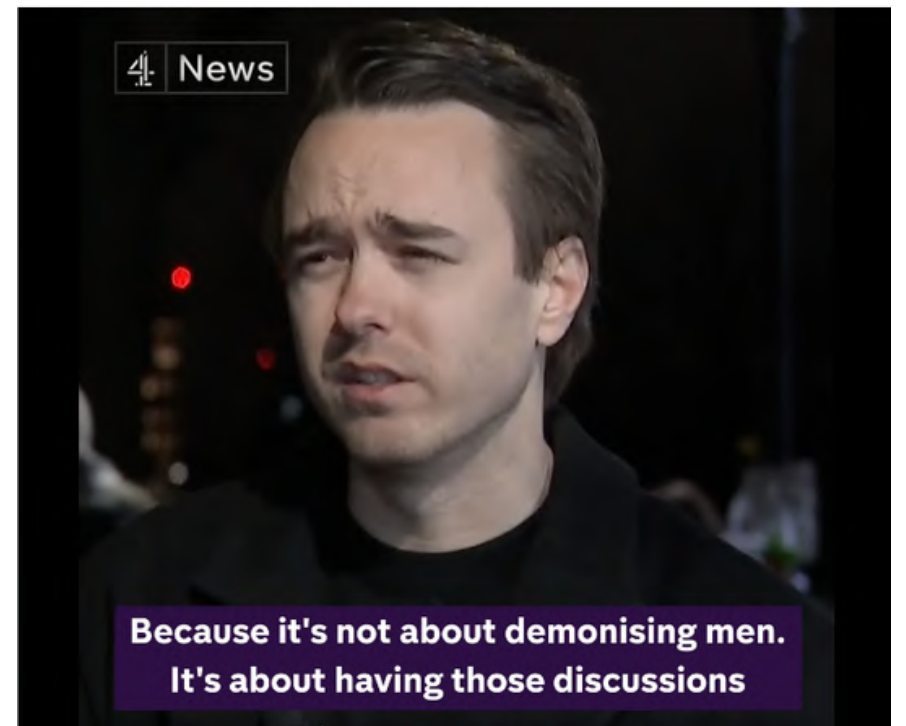


Image Channel 4 News

'1400 women over the last decade killed, the majority of the perpetrators, [are] men [...] 93 percent of them. And if you want to talk about male victims, men are killing them as well.' — **David Challen** for Channel 4 News

'We talk about how many women were raped last year, not how many men raped women.

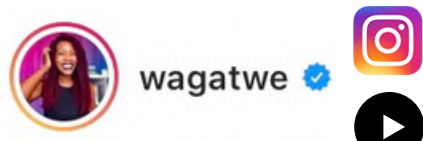
We talk about how many girls in a school district were harassed last year, not about how many boys harassed girls.

We talk about how many teenaged girls got pregnant in the state of Vermont last year, rather than how many men and teenage boys got girls pregnant.

So you can see how the use of this passive voice has a political effect. It shifts the focus off men and boys and onto girls and women.

Even the term "violence against women" is problematic. It's a passive construction. There's no active agent in the sentence. It's just a bad thing that happens to women.

But when you look at that term "violence against women" nobody is doing it to them. It just happens. Men aren't even a part of it.' — **Jackson Katz**



Common examples of toxic masculinity

source: Scullos, Bryant W. (2017) "Who's Afraid of Toxic Masculinity?"

- male superiority (sexism)
- entitlement to (sexual) attention from women
- hatred of women (misogyny)
- hyper-competitiveness
- belief in the naturalness and superiority of heterosexuality and cisgenderness (heteronormativity)
- treating women as immature and lacking awareness or agency and desiring meekness and "youthful" appearance (infantilization)
- individualistic self-sufficiency
- rigid conceptions of sexual/gender identity and roles
- tendency towards or glorification of violence
- paternalism towards women (chauvinism)

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Who's Afraid of 'Toxic Masculinity'?

Bryant W. Scullos
Florida International University, bscul005@fiu.edu



#GenderTheory
#CriticalTheory

#IntersectionalFeminism

JACKSON KATZ

'Domestic violence and sexual abuse are often called "women's issues." But in this bold, blunt talk, Jackson Katz points out that these are intrinsically men's issues -- and shows how these violent behaviors are tied to definitions of manhood. A clarion call for us all -- women and men -- to call out unacceptable behavior and be leaders of change.'



Image TEDxFiDiWomen



Are We at Risk of Demonising Men for Women's Safety? | Good Morning Britain

#MaleSilenceIsViolence



Unspoken: Toxic Masculinity and How I Faced the Man Within the Man by Guvna B



We can promise to never look the other

way

#AllMenCan

'The #allmencan coalition unites charities, organisations and individuals around the common goal of ending male violence against women and girls. We know all men can learn and teach others to help make this happen. We know the only way to make that happen is to keep the conversation going.

Our core belief is simple:
all men can learn to be better allies to women.'



Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill

Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill: What's in it and why it's caused controversy after Sarah Everard's death

'Tougher sentences on menu in "restore confidence" bill'

'Legislation aimed at "restoring confidence in the criminal justice system" is to be unveiled in parliament today. According to a government statement, the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill will equip the police with the powers and tools they need to protect themselves and the public, while overhauling sentencing laws to keep serious sexual and violent offenders behind bars for longer, and placing greater emphasis on rehabilitation to better help offenders to turn their lives around.'



nazir afzal @nazirafzal · Mar 16

Repeat after me:

There is NO point increasing sentences for crimes if offenders are NOT being identified, arrested, charged & convicted

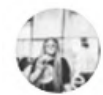
- 1 Conviction rate has fallen 18% last yr
- 2 Rape conviction rate is the lowest since records began

It's what you get with Underfunded Justice



@nazirafzal

Four most controversial parts of Policing Bill which could see harsher penalty for damaging statue than attacking woman



Chantelle Lunt @chantellelunt



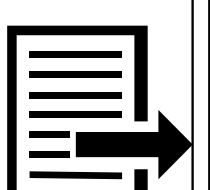
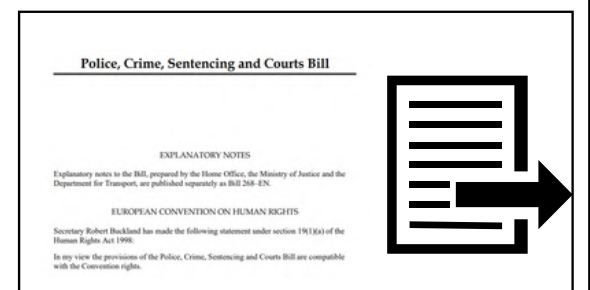
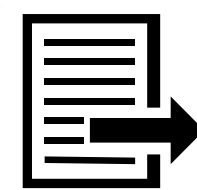
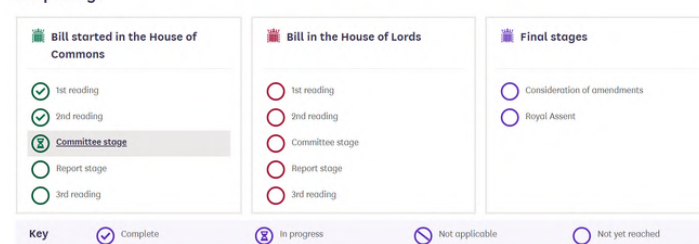
The average rape sentence in the UK is 5 years. Less than 2% of rape reports result in a conviction. But, women will face 10 years in prison if they shout to loudly about this. #KillTheBill #ProtectTheRightToProtest #ReclaimTheStreets

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Bill 268 2019-21 (as introduced)

'A Bill to make provision about the police and other emergency workers; to make provision about collaboration between authorities to prevent and reduce serious violence; to make provision about offensive weapons homicide reviews; to make provision for new offences and for the modification of existing offences; to make provision about the powers of the police and other authorities for the purposes of preventing, detecting, investigating or prosecuting crime or investigating other matters; to make provision about the maintenance of public order; to make provision about the removal, storage and disposal of vehicles; to make provision in connection with driving offences; to make provision about cautions; to make provision about bail and remand; to make provision about sentencing, detention, release, management and rehabilitation of offenders; to make provision about secure 16 to 19 Academies; to make provision for and in connection with procedures before courts and tribunals; and for connected purposes.'

Bill passage



POLICE, CRIME, SENTENCING AND COURTS BILL DISMISSES THE REAL NEEDS OF SURVIVORS

'This Bill contains a raft of oppressive powers which crack down on our right to protest, bundled together with draconian criminal justice "reforms". The Bill is a further dangerous extension to police powers that exemplifies the rolling back of our human rights and ignores a history of violence against women at the hands of the police.

When it comes to addressing the needs of survivors of VAWG, this proposed legislation offers "ineffective technological and punitive measures dressed up as cure-all solutions". The Government's proposals, set out in the Bill, ignore calls from the sector for real change to the systems that perpetuate VAWG, and do nothing to address decades of underfunding for the VAWG sector, and particularly organisations run by and for Black and minoritised women.' — Rights of Women

Rights of Women express deep concern over plans to introduce police officers in pubs, bars and clubs in a bid to tackle violence against women

'At Rights of Women, we regularly hear from women who have been let down and re-traumatised by their contact with the police and the wider criminal justice system. Rather than extending the power and presence of the police – as we are seeing here and under the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill – the Government needs to devote resources to empowering survivors to access justice and safety, and to addressing the structural inequalities that lie at the heart of endemic violence against women and girls.' — Rights of Women

Shocking CCTV footage shows off-duty police officer violently assaulting woman – VIDEO

'Police Officers Allowed To Abuse With Impunity In The "Locker-Room" Culture Of UK Forces, Super-Complaint Reveals':

'Centre for Women's Justice and the Bureau of Investigative Journalism have received numerous reports from women which raise serious concerns about the way policing systems operate where police officers are accused of domestic abuse. At the heart of the concerns is lack of integrity, of officers manipulating the system and acting in bad faith in a variety of ways ...'

Today, I #ChooseToChallenge the Judiciary - Dawn Butler Mp

'If a man was killed every three days, there would be investigations at every level of society, but unfortunately, at every level of society, a man still holds the power. Whether it be economically, politically or within the media, or the judicial system ...' - Dawn Butler MP



'... I now have made a Freedom of Information Request to establish how many police officers have been investigated for domestic violence ...'
— Dawn Butler MP



Serious Crime Act 2015
2015 c. 9 PART 5
Domestic abuse
Section 76



Nowhere to turn:

Women say domestic abuse by police officers goes unpunished by Alexandra Heal of The Bureau of Investigative Journalism



#TheCourtSaid



Family Court's Attitudes to Abuse

- "I give contact to paedophiles and murderers. Domestic Abuse isn't that bad"
- "It wasn't rape. It was just something you didn't fancy"
- "Mother is intelligent, I fear she will manipulate us all"
- "Mother must accept it wasn't rape, it was non-consensual sex! She's in denial"
- "If mother mentions Domestic Abuse, we may as well take the child now."
- "The assault was just the mark of a desperate father"
- "But he only had the gun to her head!"
- "Don't worry, if he does kill the child, we will prosecute"
- "It doesn't matter that he raped you. He's got rights to contact." — Compiled by The Court Said



'Misogyny in Courts' - Dr Jessica Taylor

'MISOGYNY IN COURTS'



'Live — Dr Jessica Taylor discusses the myths used against women and girls in court Free live event with Dr Jess Taylor as she discusses and teaches about the myths and misinformation used about women and girls in criminal and family court' — VIDEO



Key questions for today

What are the most common myths used against women and girls in criminal and family court proceedings?

What can law professionals do to ensure that myths and misinformation are not used in proceedings?

Does the Family Court truly understand domestic abuse and its impact?



Image by Nick Ansell PA Images Alamy

A Missed Opportunity Women's Groups Criticise Judges for Not Tackling Culture of Minimising Male Violence



JH v MF
[2020]
EWHC
86 (Fam)



"No" means No.

— JH v MF

by Alexandra Wilson,
barrister at
5 St Andrews Hill
Chambers



Ministry of Justice
Assessing Risk of Harm
to Children and Parents
in Private Law Children
Cases Final Report



Ministry of Justice
Domestic abuse and
private law children cases
A literature review



A 'Major problem for women at the Bar is sexual harassment' - Dame Laura Cox

Dame Laura Cox Talking Law with Sally Penni MBE



'Dame Laura Cox, The Hon. Mrs Justice Cox, took to the bench in 2002 and was an English High Court Judge of the Queen's Bench Division.

She recently carried out the enquiry into bullying and harassment within the House of Commons.

Presented by barrister Sally Penni, founder and chair of Women in the Law UK.'

'The other major problem for women at the Bar is sexual harassment because I thought that this had all been dealt with years ago and yet the recent studies reveal that it is happening at a level and on a scale which is truly horrific.'

— Dame Laura Cox



Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill Volume 691: debated on Monday 15 March 2021



Women don't want us to sympathise, they want action. I'm tabling New Clauses w/cross party support to make kerb-crawling and street harassment criminal offences. @ReclaimTS #SarahEverard My speech in part today



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@HarrietHarman



'Along with women up and down the country, I joined the Reclaim the Night protests in the 1970s, but then women's demands were not listened to by the men in the corridors of power. Now there are women in government, in the Home Office and in the Cabinet. There are women in all parties in Parliament. We are in the corridors of power, so we must use our power to deliver for women. We all argued it would make a difference if we were here as women in Parliament. Now we had better prove it.'

Harriet Harman MP
(Hansard column 86)

Reclaim the Night



OUR STREETS NOW CAMPAIGN

#CrimeNotCompliment



'OurStreetsNow are campaigning to make all forms of street harassment illegal and a reportable offence like it is in France, as we believe that it is only through recognising it as an offence that we can bring it to an end. Started by sisters Gemma and Maya Tutton, the campaign has two main focal points – awareness and action. Legal action is vital – yes – but we also believe that our voices have been silenced for far too long and that is about time we started to speak out. Within the first year of legislative change, France saw 700 fines issued against street harassment, highlighting just how strongly people will stand up against this when given the option.'

Street harassment of young girls should not be 'normal'.
I won't rest until it is illegal -
Maya Tutton for The Guardian





These two sisters have started a campaign to make street harassment illegal in the UK.

'French student slapped for standing up to harasser'



Image from Marie Laguerre VIDEO

'France issues more than 700 fines under new street harassment law'

The Cheer Up Luv Podcast: Our Streets Now

Tackling Public Sexual Harassment In Education



Protesters demand councils support schools in tackling harassment & violence against women

'There's so little research on the impact [of Public Sexual Harassment] and the small bits of research that are coming out are saying, girls who identify as being victims of sexism, and the number one thing they identified through that was public sexual harassment [PSH], are five times more likely to experience depression. This is having a massive impact on our mental health, a massive impact on the way we see our bodies, the way that we relate to other forms of trauma as well. For survivors, or people who suffer with PTSD, it's so, so triggering to have incidents of PSH going on' — Maya Tutton for Cheer Up Luv Podcast

Sexual harassment of women in street could become new criminal offence in wake of Sarah Everard 'murder'

'We wholly include trans people within our movement'



@ourstreetsnow

While walking to my flat, a guy grabbed me and felt my private parts through my trousers. As I looked at him in horror, he nodded and grinned and said 'just checking.'

-Victim of PSH

'We wholly include trans* people within our movement and are passionate about trans-inclusive feminism. The harassment that trans women face in public is alarmingly violent and must be tackled as part of this problem.'

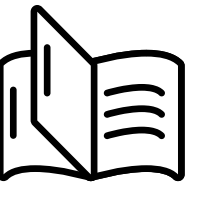
'As a transgender female I have often been bullied, intimidated and harassed. These experiences left me with mental scars. And much of this assault happened in public.'




'Reclaim the Campus is a campaign designed to address the widespread issue of sexual harassment, assault and rape on university campuses across the UK'

#OurSchoolsNow

Statutory guidance
Keeping children safe in education
Statutory guidance for schools and colleges on safeguarding children and safer recruitment.




MORE THAN HALF OF GIRLS HAVE EXPERIENCED SEXUAL HARASSMENT ON SCHOOL, COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY GROUNDS - Plan UK

Street harassment – it's not ok | Jess Leigh | TEDxExeter

'Why do adults think it is my responsibility to protect boys from their impulses? Why don't they make boys take responsibility? ...'



Michelle Guido @heyguido

More often than not women respond to men's inappropriate advances with a thank you instead of a fuck off because we know that if they feel disrespected by us it will likely turn violent.

ourstreetsnow @feministsdiaries

There are 5 ways of responding to harassment or abuse: fight, flight, help, fawn and freeze. No matter which one is your instinct, your reaction is valid and although it can be frustrating when you look back on an experience where you didn't tell your harasser what you really thought, have compassion with yourself. We are drilled into being afraid of men, from society, from the experiences of our loved ones and obviously, from our own stories. I am the cofounder of Our Streets, I've been learning, educating and speaking about public sexual harassment for the last 2 years yet every time I get harassed, my whole body freezes for a few seconds, and the harassed usually gets away without

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ENDING PUBLIC SEXUAL HARASSMENT: THE CASE FOR LEGISLATION POLICY BRIEFING | NOVEMBER 2020



CALL TO ACTION

Sign the Petition: Make Public Sexual Harassment a Criminal Offence in the UK



Highgate School pupils hold walkout after claims of 'rape culture'

'What is rape culture?'

'Rape culture exists when thoughts, behaviours, & attitudes in a society or environment have the effect of normalising and trivialising sexual violence. When behaviours like "upskirting" or the nonconsensual sharing of intimate photos are normalised this acts as a gateway to criminal acts such as sexual assault and rape. Behaviours such as misogyny, slut shaming, victim blaming, and sexual harassment create an environment where sexual violence and abuse can exist and thrive. All behaviours, attitudes, thoughts and experiences in this culture are interconnected.' - www.everyonesinvited.uk

'In conversation with Soma Sara, founder of Everyone's Invited, exposing "rape culture" in schools

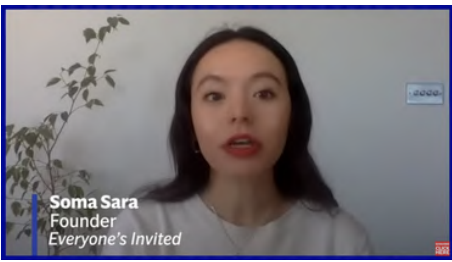


Image Evening Standard VIDEO

'Evening Standard columnist Ayesha Hazarika speaks to Soma Sara, about the website, next steps, ending rape culture, and how parents have reacted to the stories.' —Evening Standard

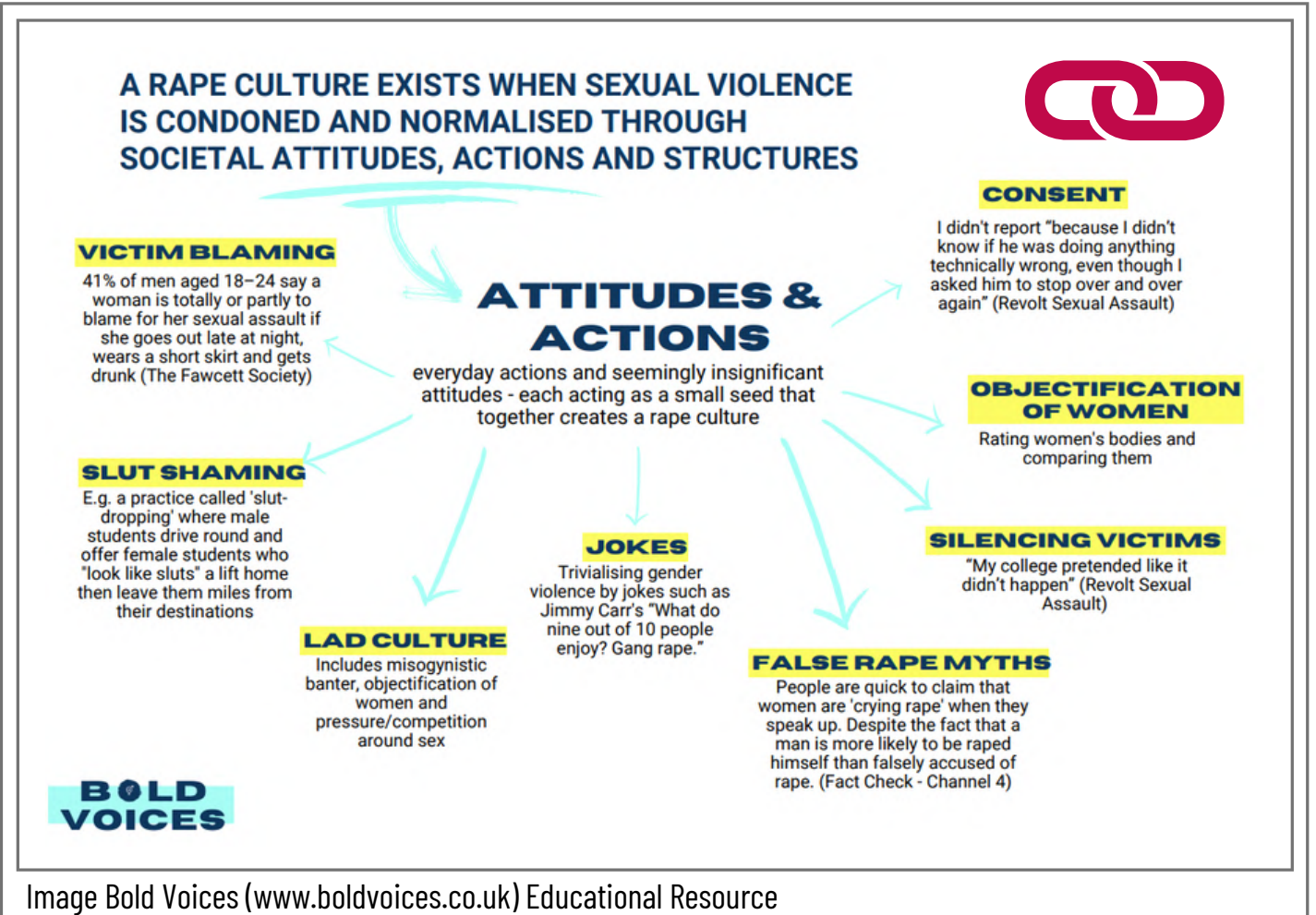


'Shocking and Harrowing' Over 9000 Accusations of Abuse in Schools | Good Morning Britain



'One of the country's most senior police officers has said he believes that schools have covered up sexual offences to protect their reputations as a task force took charge of the surge in abuse complaints...'

- Good Morning Britain



The Danger of "Boys Will Be Boys" - Psychology Today

@McGlynnClare 

Prof Clare McGlynn QC (Hon) @McGlynnClare · Apr 4

We need to talk about the reality of what's on mainstream porn sites - our study here showing 1 in 8 titles describe sexual violence - reported today in [@thetimes](https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/porn-...) by @shanti_das #OnlineHarms #SexEducation [thetimes.co.uk/article/porn-...](https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/porn-...)



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Maria London Retweeted

Wendy Murphy @WMurphyLaw

Replying to @McGlynnClare @thetimes and @shanti_das

This is exactly why porn industry lobbyists spend so much \$ making rape law useless. That most rape is legal allows them to film & sell images of rape. If rape law actually prohibited rape, most of what they do would be illegal. Anti-porn activists should focus on rape law reform

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Sexual violence as a sexual script in mainstream online pornography

Everyone's Invited: Children recount 'rape culture' experiences

Ministers face calls for inquiry into sexual abuse in schools

'It's Just Everywhere' - A study on sexism in schools and how we tackle it



@BonnyTurner1212

'Landmark "David & Goliath" judicial review case examining CPS rape prosecution policy and practice to be heard by senior judges in Court of Appeal over two days 55,259 rapes reported last year; but only 2,102 prosecutions and 1,439 convictions'

#RapeJusticeNow

Legal challenge over CPS policy on prosecuting rape cases dismissed

'Rape Justice Fail'

EVAWC v DPP [2021] EWCA Civ 350



"It was a difficult case to bring, and as you can see from the court's judgment they felt that they weren't able to interrogate the facts they've given the [DPP] the benefit of the doubt that they didn't change policy but clearly something happened which caused this dramatic fall and we think that the arguments we put forward are extremely plausible." —

Andrea Simon, Director of **End Violence Against Women Coalition** with BBC News



'... there is a wider work to be done in terms of really challenging the pervasiveness of misogyny in society which in turn informs individuals within the criminal justice system and also what we sought to attack in our case was the idea that decisions are made because there was a fear that juries won't convict and that should never happen if there is the evidence there to convict whether or not you get a bias jury.' —

Harriet Wistrich, Director of **Centre For Women's Justice**, with LBC



PR: Rape Prosecutions - Today's Judgment
— Centre For Women's Justice



'Evidence Of CPS Failure On Rape Key Evidence (links to full bundle can be found at the bottom of the page)'

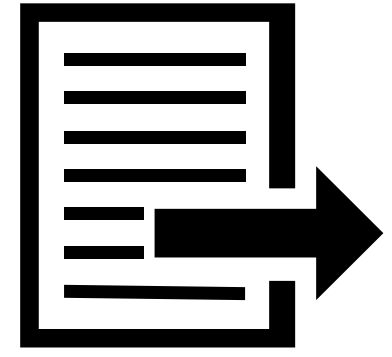


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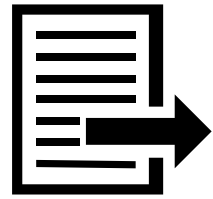
Domestic Abuse Bill 2019-21:

#DABILL



It has been a very long and fraught path for the Domestic Abuse Bill, hindered by Brexit, General Elections and the Prorogation of Parliament. On **5 January 2021**, the Bill reached the House of Lords for the 'Committee Stage' of the Bill's progress toward Royal Assent. The debate was riveting and propositions for vital inclusions were still being lobbied to ensure they are not left out of this landmark piece of legislation in the making.

Access a text version of the debate from HANSARD Domestic Abuse Bill Volume 809: debated on Tuesday 5 January 2021




Watch the full video of the debate on Parliament TV **TIMESTAMP:** 14:16:25 Legislation: Domestic Abuse Bill – second reading



Monday 25 January

Committee stage day one


Parliament TV – VIDEO 

Hansard – TEXT 

Wednesday 27 January

Committee stage day two


Parliament TV – VIDEO 

Hansard – TEXT 

Monday 1 February

Committee stage day three


Parliament TV – VIDEO 

Hansard – TEXT 

Wednesday 3 February

Committee stage day four


Parliament TV – VIDEO 

Hansard – TEXT 

Monday 8 February

Committee stage day five


Parliament TV – VIDEO 

Hansard – TEXT 

Wednesday 10 February

Committee stage day six


Parliament TV – VIDEO 

Hansard – TEXT 

Monday 8 March

Report Stage day one


Parliament TV – VIDEO 

Hansard – TEXT 

Wednesday 10 March

Report stage day two

Parliament TV – VIDEO 

Hansard – TEXT 

Monday 15 March

Report stage day three


Parliament TV – VIDEO 

Hansard – TEXT 

Wednesday 17 March

Report stage day four

Parliament TV – VIDEO 

Hansard – TEXT 



Hannah Weber @HannahS... · 13m ...
There are so many vital conversations happening in the House of Lords on the #DomesticAbuseBill, but the phrase "The Noble Lord needs to unmute" has finished me.

Lords completes final check of Domestic Abuse Bill

The Domestic Abuse Bill completed its third reading, a chance for members to make sure the eventual law is effective, workable and without loopholes, in the House of Lords on Wednesday 24 March



CALL TO ACTION



EVAW Coalition @EVAWuk · Apr 7

On the 15th of April, the Domestic Abuse Bill returns to the House of Commons for its final stage. This is a critical time to make this Bill truly transformational. Please take action. Write to your MP. #StepUpMigrantWomen @lawrsuk #ProtectionForAll








Domestic Abuse Bill back at the Commons: Please take action to prote... Last month, with cross-party support, the House of Lords voted for three amendments to ensure migrant women can access safety and justice ... endviolenceagainstwomen.org.uk








Bill passage

Bill started in the House of Commons


-  1st reading
-  2nd reading
-  Committee stage
-  Report stage
-  3rd reading

Bill in the House of Lords

-  1st reading
-  2nd reading
-  Committee stage
-  Report stage
-  3rd reading

Final stages

-  Consideration of amendments
-  Royal Assent

Key  Complete  In progress  Not applicable  Not yet reached

CALL TO ACTION



Laura Richards BSc, MSc, MBPsS @laurarichards99

#DABill will be back in @HouseofCommons after Easter. WRITE to your MP & ASK them to back calls for serial & high harm domestic abusers & stalkers to be included on same database as sex offenders & terrorists & managed via Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements #WomenMatter

Please Support #DABill #VictimsMatter @laurarichards999



8 Stages of Domestic Violence to Homicide

with Dr. Jane Monckton Smith



@JMoncktonSmith

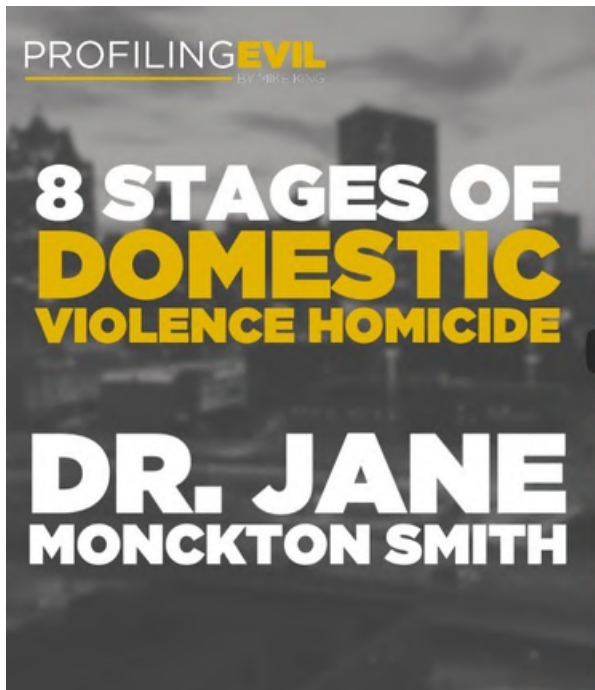
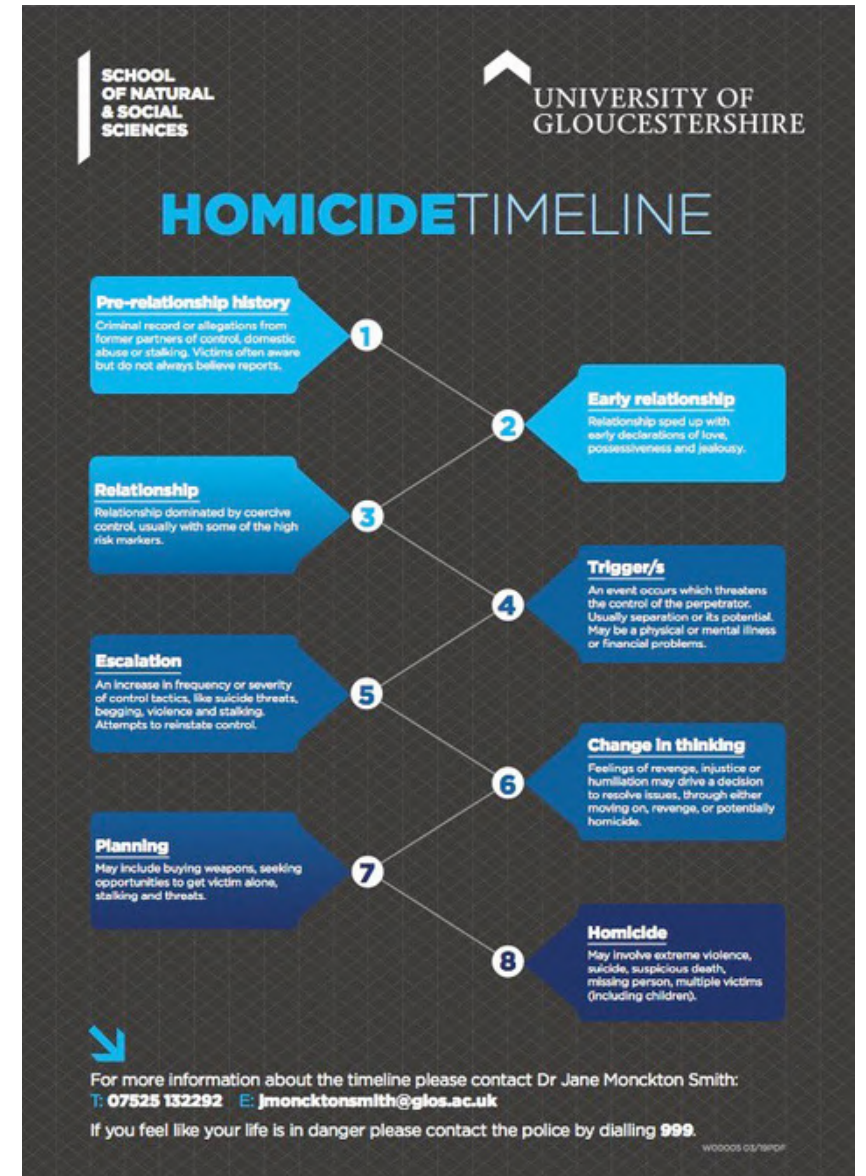
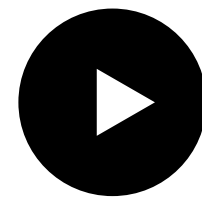


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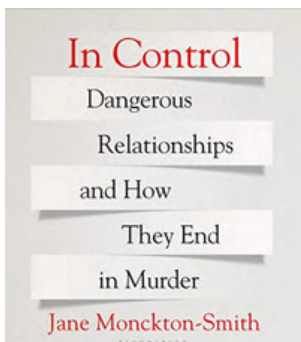


Image Jane Monckton Smith Twitter

Mike King and Chris McDonough interview Dr Jane Monckton Smith about her pioneering research which gives us a first timeline of indicators to domestic homicide



Intimate Partner Femicide: using Foucauldian analysis to track an eight stage relationship progression to homicide
by
Dr Jane Monckton Smith



'I started studying homicide really quite early on because I was interested in the way that we justify it, how we excuse it and how some homicides are considered worse than others and it certainly seems to me that domestic violence homicides don't have the status of other homicides. They are not given the forensic attention that they actually deserve and I think that's because we look at them as caused by the dynamics between two people in a relationship, but of course my study finds that that's absolutely not the case and so have a lot of other researchers across the world found that domestic violence killers are dangerous individuals, we can identify largely who are the most dangerous and who are likely to go on and commit homicide, and when you think of the amount of forensic attention we give to serial killing and spree killing, that kind of thing, why aren't we giving that kind of forensic attention to domestic violence homicides? Because the numbers are much bigger, we should be more worried.' — **Dr Jane Monckton Smith**, talking to Profiling Evil in their VIDEO

'There is the saying that "nothing predicts future behaviour quite like past behaviour" and that's very, very true and the first stage that we notice, that bound nearly all of our killers together, was that they had a history of coercive control or stalking or violence but the characteristic I think that that is really important is control. They feel the need to control their partner, in whatever way that manifests. If you're a professional, and you're doing a risk assessment, for example, you mustn't rely on the person's criminal record to tell you whether they've got a history or not, because you'll know, as police officers, that domestic abuse, stalking, those kinds of offences, we're not great at getting convictions for them. It was interesting, in a lot of these cases, a lot of the history came out via ex girlfriends. They'd say things like, "Yeah, you know, he used to hit me" and everyone would say "She's just lying because she's feeling vengeful because he's not still with her". Or sometimes from the mouths of the killers themselves, they would say something on joining the relationship like, "Oh I got this crazy ex girlfriend, she really used to push my buttons and push me into a corner and make me do things that I wouldn't normally do." That's a history.' — **Dr Jane Monckton Smith** talking to Profiling Evil in their VIDEO

Counting Dead Women



Karen Ingala Smith



@K_IngalaSmith

Counting Dead Women is a project about women killed by men

'My name is Karen Ingala Smith and I prioritise women. I prioritise the well-being of women who have been subjected to men's violence. I try to make sure I see the women that many others disregard. I'd like to contribute to ending men's violence against women and girls. If I can't do that, I'll settle for helping ensure that women have access to specialist support from women, that victim-survivors' needs are prioritised and wishes heard, and that more people understand the realities of men's violence against women, girls and children.

Counting Dead Women is a project about women killed by men. I started it in January 2012 as a reaction to the murder of a young woman in East London. I watch out for media reports of women killed by men – and I record them. I record their names so that those women are never merely statistics' - **Karen Ingala Smith**, March 16, 2021



Laura Richards, BSc, MSc, MBPsS



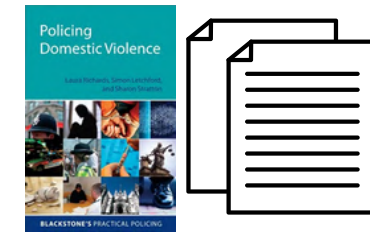
'Terrorism Begins At Home'



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'Laura is a renowned international expert on domestic violence, stalking, sexual violence, homicide and risk assessment. After a decade of analysing violent crime at New Scotland Yard Laura became the violence adviser to the National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC). Trained by world leaders as a criminal behavioural analyst at the Behavioural Analysis Unit, National Centre for the Analysis of Violent Crime at the FBI and New Scotland Yard, Laura has applied her psychology degrees to analyse violent crime from a behavioural and preventative perspective.'

— laurarichards.co.uk



Policing Domestic Violence (Blackstone's Practical Policing)

Laura Richards
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Independent
Parliamentary Inquiry
into Stalking Law Reform

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Rebalancing the Scales
Prioritising Victims of
Crime in the Criminal
Justice System

Update on the Campaign To Track Serial Domestic Abusers & Stalkers & the Domestic Abuse Bill

'My question to Government when Minister Victoria Atkins says that "We'll keep this under review". Well, A: what does that mean? and B, keeping this under review and considering another report, why do we need another report? Women are being murdered at pandemic rates, we do not need another report. I can 100% assure you, please read my 24 page report [Terrorism Begins At Home]. That's codified language when people say, 'We'll keep this under review' or, 'We'll write another report.' It's codified language for, 'We're going to kick this into the long grass,' Well this is too damn important to keep being put off and I won't back down on this and I know many of you feel the same. So, we have to keep going, we have to keep pushing.'

— Laura Richards 20 July 2020

Gettig Away With It Report

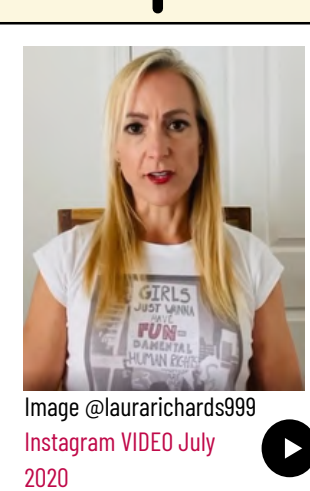


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Instagram VIDEO July 2020

Stalking – the Case for
Extending the maximum
Penalty

Terrorism Begins at
Home:
It's Time To Join The Dots
- Word Doc TEXT

The case for a domestic abuse register - by Julie Bindel for The Spectator March 2021

'Feminist campaigners against domestic abuse have long been pressuring the Home and Justice Secretaries to consider creating a register for stalkers and serial abusers of women. This would result in there being a statutory duty forcing serial offenders to be put on a national register and closely monitored. This measure would make much more sense than increased CCTV or streetlights as a means of protecting women from violent men... Serial domestic abusers need to be made accountable for their behaviour, and the public has a right to know about their criminal history of violence against women. Anyone caught shoplifting in Waitrose is banned from the store for 12 months for the first offence and repeat offenders for life. Surely women are worth more than consumer goods? Why should violent offenders be allowed to move seamlessly from one victim to another?'

— Julie Bindel March 2021

'Stalking is murder in slow motion' - Baroness Royall of Baisdon



'Unfortunately, we do know that 93% of the killers are men, we know that 93% of the sexual offenders are men, we know that 93% of the domestic abusers are men, 70% of the stalkers are men. So, we need to start identifying and tackling the actual problem, we should stop telling women what to do ...'

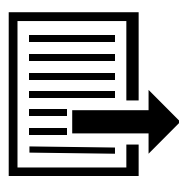
- Laura Richards with Shelagh Fogarty for LBC

Take action now. Don't wait. Women and children's lives depend on it. Listen to Ep #12 Special Report on the landslide victory in @UKHouseofLords #Amendment73 #DABill tabled by @LabourRoyall & why violent men's histories must be joined up crime-analyst.com/episodes/



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Domestic Abuse Bill
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Baroness Royall of Blaisdon



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#DomesticAbuseBill

#Amendment73

#MaleViolence

73: After Clause 72, insert the following new Clause
— "Monitoring of serial and serious harm domestic abuse and stalking perpetrators under Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (1) The Criminal Justice Act 2003 is amended as follows ..."

CALL
TO
ACTION

Email your Member of Parliament (MP) ahead of the Domestic Abuse Bill returning to Parliament after Easter. 'Ask that they support the inclusion of serial domestic abusers and stalkers on the database for violent and sexual offenders, state that public protection must be joined up and investment is needed in a database, training and guidance. Please include your own personal reason for why you think this is of vital importance that Government do this and act now. You can include that since the first reading of the Domestic Abuse Bill in the House of Lords, 30 women have been murdered and so the clock really is ticking whilst this continues to be debated and while femicide is at an all time high.'

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YOUR MP

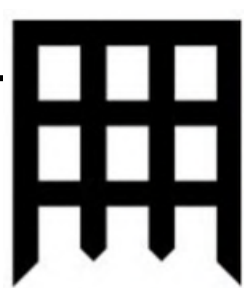




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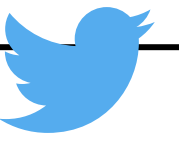


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FEMINIST LAW NEWS CONT:

Child marriage is still legal and still happening in England and Wales – you can outlaw this now

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Marriage and Civil Partnership (Minimum Age) (No.2) Bill



Bill passage

Bill started in the House of Commons	Bill in the House of Lords	Final stages
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Key ✔ Complete ⚙ In progress ⊘ Not applicable ○ Not yet reached



First reading by Pauline Latham MP on Bill to End Child Marriage

Government Guidance Forced marriage



FORCED MARRIAGE UNIT



Banaz A Love Story. An Emmy and Peabody winning film by Deeyah Khan ©Fuse Films



Banaz Mahmod



'This is a documentary film chronicling an act of overwhelming horror — the honour killing of Banaz Mahmod, a young British woman in suburban London in 2006, killed and "disappeared" by her own family, with the agreement and help of a large section of the Kurdish community, because she tried to choose a life for herself.'

Regina v Amin [2014] EWCA Criminal 1924



A survivor's plea to end child marriage | Payzee Mahmood | TEDxLondonWomen



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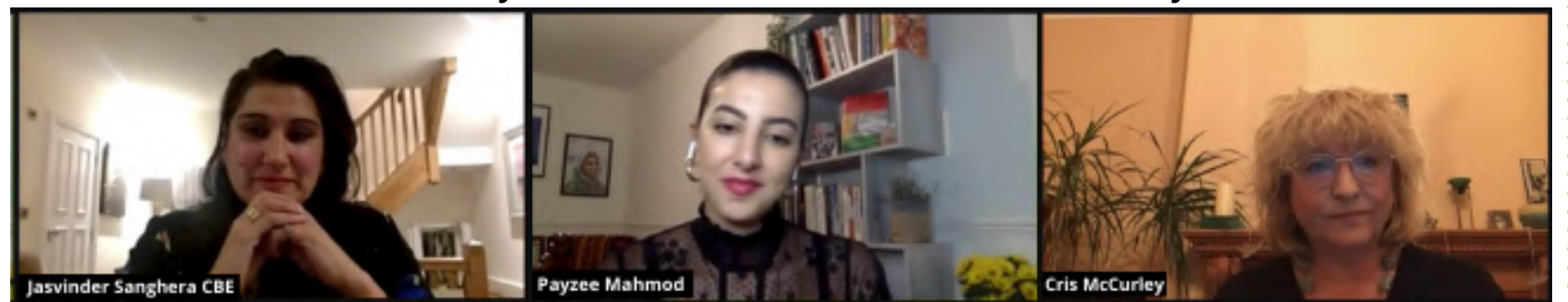
Culture vs Safeguarding



Jasvinder Sanghera CBE TEDxBergen



Honour Crime and Legal Practice Panel with Jasvinder Sangera CBE, Payzee Mahmood and Cris McCurley for University of Westminster Feminist Law Society



Jasvinder Sanghera CBE is a survivor and founder and Director of Karma Nirvana



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Payzee Mahmood is a survivor and campaigner through IKWRO



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Cris McCurley is a solicitor, specialising in family law and, so called, 'honour' crime



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#ForcedMarriage #HonourBasedAbuse

Honour: Achieving Justice for Banaz Mahmod by Caroline Goode



The true story of the police investigation into the 'honour' killing of Banaz Mahmod.



Karma Nirvana Report on Child Marriage in England and Wales

'Karma Nirvana is working in partnership to End Child Marriage in England and Wales. Please read our latest report which sets out the context of child marriage across England and Wales & our proposals to end it.'



Diana Nammi TEDxEastEnd



Culture must never be used as a justification for 'honour violence'



Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Act 2007



B-M (Children) [2009] EWCA Civ 205

Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 Section 121



Serious Crime Act 2015 Section 76



Honour Abuse Research Matrix (HARM)

CPS Publication:



Honour Based Violence and Forced Marriage

KARMA NIRVANA Supporting victims of honour-based abuse and forced marriage



IKWRO WOMEN'S RIGHTS ORGANISATION

If you work with children in England and Wales, please complete this short survey

'We're campaigning to improve the law to better safeguard children from child marriage. We would be grateful if you could answer this short survey on how effective you find the current law and for any experiences of child marriage cases you can share.'



CALL TO ACTION

Sign the petition now to 'Safeguard Futures: End child marriage'





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'If I'm not in Friday, I might be dead'

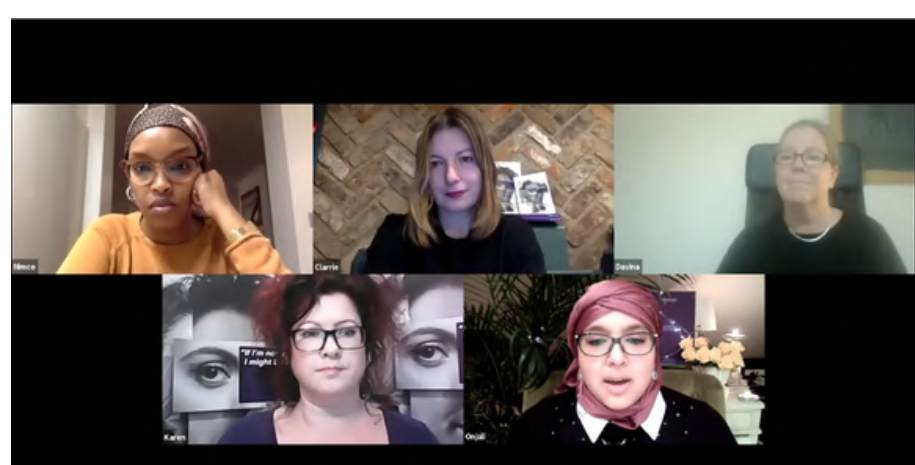


Image Femicide Census
Femicide Census 10 Year Report Launch Event VIDEO



'This is a recording of the launch event of the Femicide Census' latest report reflecting on 10 years of men's fatal violence against women and girls in the UK 2009-2018. Redefining Isolated Incidents and Threats to the Wider Community: 10 Years of men's fatal violence against women and girls in the UK 2009 -18

Femicide Census co-founders Karen Ingala Smith and Clarrie O'Callaghan are joined by an expert panel: **Onjali Rauf (Chair), Davina James-Hanman, Nimko Ali, Nicole Jacobs and Jane Monckton Smith.**' — Femicide Census Vimeo



Femicide Census 10 Year Report 2009 – 2018 TEXT

Jill Radford: author of Femicide: the politics of woman killing (1992) and Professor Emerita, University of Teesside.

'The Femicide Census marks a significant milestone in the development of knowledge and understanding of femicide, the misogynistic killing of women, across the UK over a ten-year period. Despite careful counting, which led it to be commended as an example of good practice by the United Nations, it found no evidence of any fall in the numbers of femicides in this period. It did highlight the persistence of women- blaming myths like: the home being a safe haven for women; children needing fathers; pornography being harmless, and how men continue to endanger the lives of women and children.

The Census takes forward the work undertaken by myself and (the late and much missed) Diana E.H. Russell in 'Femicide: The Politics of Woman Killing' (1992). Naming, framing and defining femicide were among its key aims. Without a name, femicide remains hidden, impossible to speak about, count, research or to develop strategies to combat it.' — **Jill Radford, Femicide Census 10 Year Report, page 3**

Femicide: Women are most likely to be killed by their partner or ex

Evidence of overkilling

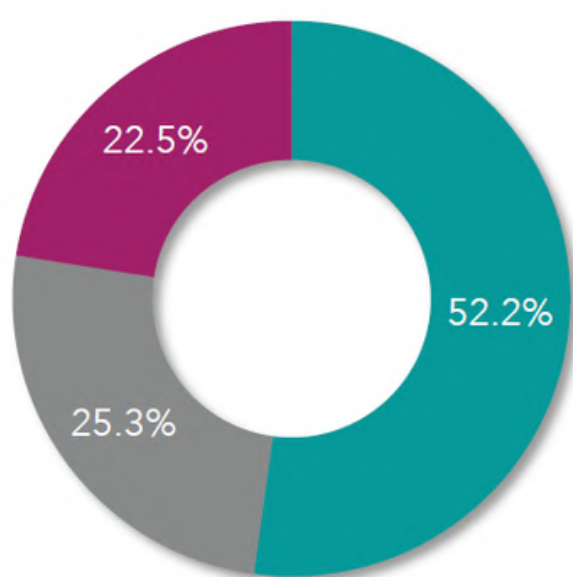


Figure 13: Evidence of overkilling in femicides, 2009-2018

More than half of all femicides counted within the ten year timeframe, covered within the report, were characterised by **overkilling**

"Overkilling" is defined as the use of excessive, gratuitous violence beyond that necessary to cause the victim's death. Cases involving more than one method of killing were generally recorded as overkilling. In addition, many cases involving one method such as sharp instrument, blunt instrument or kicking/hitting/stamping also demonstrated excessive, gratuitous levels of violence. The term "overkilling" has been used in order to capture the extreme, gratuitous violence to which perpetrators frequently subject their victims.'

— **Femicide Census 10 Year Report, pp. 40-41**

The Observer view: We can no longer turn away, femicide must be tackled now

In March 2021, The Observer launched a campaign to tackle femicide and are working in conjunction with Karen Ingala Smith and Clarrie O'Callaghan, creators of the Femicide Census

'Domestic homicide reviews (DHRs) bring all agencies together that have had contact with the victim and the perpetrator to analyse what went wrong and make recommendations to prevent errors recurring. A DHR Home Office study noted the repetition of recommendations. They include the need for better record keeping, risk assessment and collaboration between agencies, and specialist training for health professionals, including GPs. **As Professor Khatidja Chantler of Manchester Metropolitan University, who has analysed 317 DHRs, asks: "Who is monitoring whether these recommendations are being implemented and how well?"** When lessons are not learned, women are killed.' - **The Observer 7 March 2021**

Domestic Homicide Reviews KEY FINDINGS FROM ANALYSIS OF DOMESTIC HOMICIDE REVIEWS December 2016



Centre For Women's Justice

The need for a post-death investigations oversight mechanism

'Domestic homicides have become normalised, our society would not tolerate this number of deaths from terrorism every week.' —CWJ page 1

'We have heard that in many cases Chairs are former police officers who carry out large numbers of DHRs for the same Community Safety Partnership (CSP) and almost all those on the panel are in one form or another on the payroll of the local authority associated with the CSP, creating a culture that resists criticisms and recommendations for change. We know independent panel members who have felt under pressure not to raise criticisms and when they have done so have been disinvited from panels.'

— CWJ page 2

Donate and/or fundraise for the Femicide Census

The Femicide Census is independent of government funding. Donations are much needed and very welcome. You can also fundraise by organising and taking part in e.g. sponsored runs, for example



Women of the World (WOW)



'[O]ne of my reasons for waiving anonymity [in the case of EVAWC v DPP] is to challenge the fetishisation and sexual exploitation of East Asian women as my experience of sexual violence, since childhood, has, more often than not, been racialised, and I don't think it is unrelated to the fact that the most watched category on Pornhub, globally, is Japanese.' — **Bonny Turner**, Australian Rape Justice Activist in the UK & Norway, & Lawyers for Rape Justice Co-Founderspeaking to WOW

'Studies have shown that disabled women are twice as likely, if not more, to experience domestic abuse and they are also twice as likely to suffer assault and rape. And when I talk about disabled women, because it's different globally, here I include disabled women with physical visible and invisible disabilities, impairments and those with learning disabilities and mental health issues. I also include disabled women in institutions who experience abuse from care workers.' — **Eleanor Lisney**, Founding member and Director, Sisters of Frida, UK speaking to WOW

'On Monday, 110,000 women in 42 locations across Australia took to the streets in what was called a March 4 Justice. That came about because earlier this year, a young woman called Brittany Higgins came forward and explained that she was raped in Parliament House when she was working there as a young staffer [...] and the Government at the time responded to that as a political problem rather than responding to her with honesty, empathy and respect ...' — **Julia Gillard**, former Prime Minister of Australia and Chair of the Global Institute for Women's Leadership at King's College London, Australia/UK speaking to WOW

WOW - Women of the World @WOWisGlobal
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 "Studies have shown that disabled women are twice as likely if not more to experience domestic abuse & they are also twice as likely to suffer assault and rape" @e_lisney from @sisofrida talking now, on the threat of violence against disabled women #WOWUK eventbrite.co.uk/e/another-pand...



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'So, this issue that we are calling "The other pandemic" really made me think. During Coronavirus, I think the global media has, by and large, done what its readers, viewers listeners expected it to do. We've given a voice to the many victims of Covid and we've celebrated their lives and we've investigated the killer in our midst. You know, where did it come from? Who did it strike? But of course, the global news coverage didn't just end there. Of course we never considered the 2.7 million deaths around the world as tragic but isolated cases, We dug deeper, we searched wider. data was analysed and we held those in power to account for their policy actions in the face of the virus and we investigated the terrible inequalities of which this disease has taken advantage. And scientific work has aimed at eradicating this killer, and knowing it could be eradicated was chronicled in huge detail. So, why has the news industry not treated the pandemic of violence against women in the same way?' — **Alison Phillips**, Chair, Women in Journalism and Editor, The Mirror, UK speaking to WOW

WATCH NOW: ANOTHER PANDEMIC - VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

'On 21 March [WOW] held an urgent event to hear strategies and actions being taken around the world to end violence against women and girls. **You can now watch Another Pandemic - Violence Against Women in full, with BSL interpretation and captions, and download a resource pack to help take action.**



'With the murder of eight individuals in Atlanta, of whom six were women of Asian American descent, and while we certainly see the aspect of racism front and centre, we also see misogyny, front and centre in those brutal murders.' — **Gary Barker**, Founder and CEO, Promundo, USA/Portugal speaking to WOW

'As we see the courts and the judges who showed such contempt for the evidence that we have spent two years working with the End Violence Against Women to put together to show how the CPS have failed ...' — **Harriet Wistrich**, Founder and Director, Centre for Women's Justice, UK speaking to WOW

'I'm from a small village where I've seen a lot of activities, when it comes to violence against women, and mostly the reason why a lot of [women and girls] here tolerate or keep quiet is because they don't have that support and they are scared and they are not economically empowered to say their mind' — **Wiyala**, singer/songwriter, performer, activist, ambassador for BeBetter Mentorship and for UNICEF Ghana speaking to WOW

'When I was sexually harassed by a senior peer in the House of Lords, I maintained my silence for 12 years. It took me 12 years to speak out against that abuse because this was about an imbalance of power. This was about not being believed for me. When I finally did speak out, all the usual tropes did come out, "She's an empowered woman, she's a strong woman, why hasn't she spoken sooner?" A delay in reporting is not a reason not to be believed. For me, this insidious stereotyping is why many don't report sooner' — **Jasvinder Sanghera CBE**, founder of Karma Nirvana, activist and survivor of sexual harassment speaking to WOW

'As a trans woman, I belong to a community that's currently in the eye of a double storm. On the one hand it's never been a more dangerous time to be trans in the UK or worldwide, and that's even more the case if you're a trans person of colour. Recently, a trans woman called me. She was afraid she was being stalked. By who? She had no idea, but whoever it was had escalated from decorating the route to work with anti-trans stickers to setting fire to her front door. She doesn't trust the police enough to report it. A week ago, a court in Worcester sentenced a man for murdering a trans woman. The judge declared he did not believe the murder was motivated by transphobic hate' — **Jane Fae**, Chair of Trans Media Watch @transmediawatch speaking to WOW

'Male violence against women and girls is a form of domestic terrorism. I say this because of the fear and threat it creates. A feeling shared by all women of living under siege. A feeling that makes us smaller every time we try not to draw attention to ourselves, or we take the long route home or we leave before it gets too late. Every time we do these things, we make ourselves smaller and the inequality on which this violence is premised only grows.' — **Mandu Reid**, Leader, Women's Equality Party, UK Ghana speaking to WOW

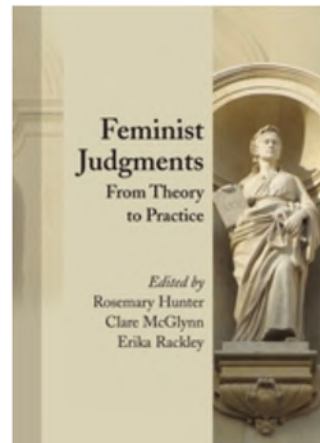
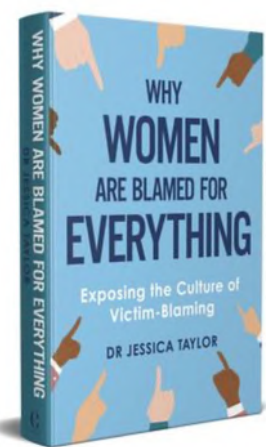
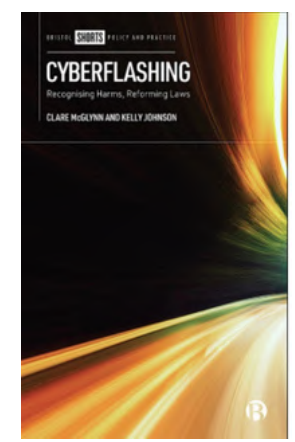
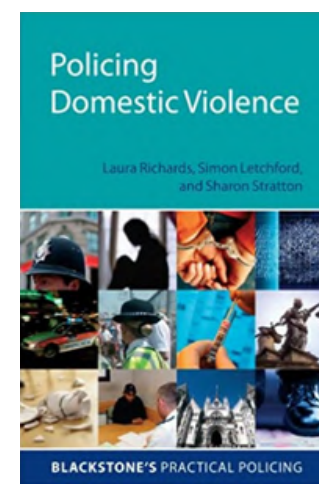
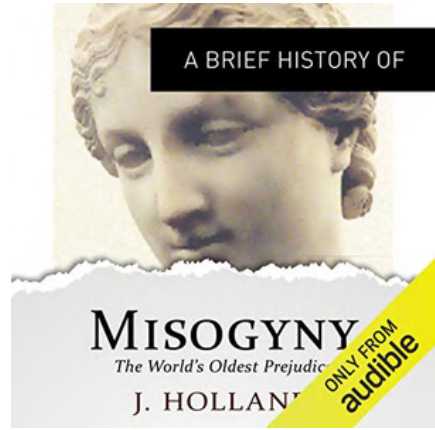
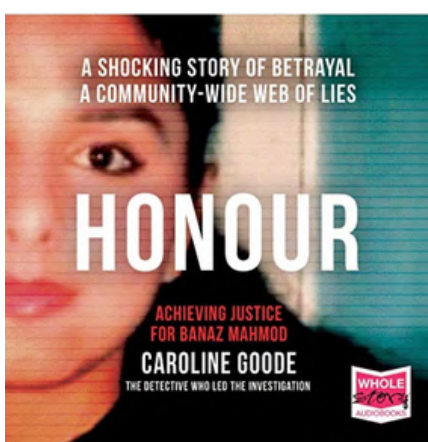
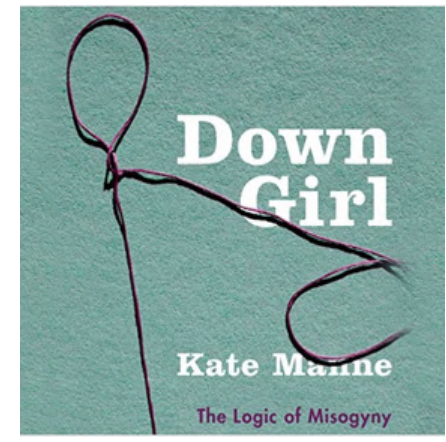
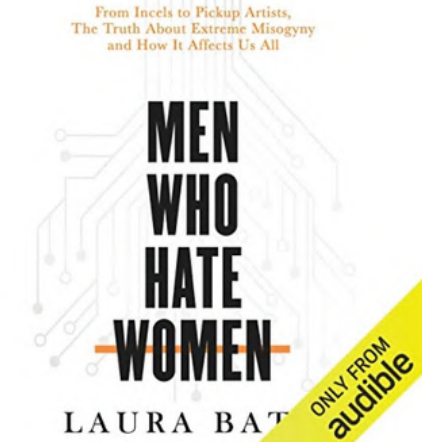
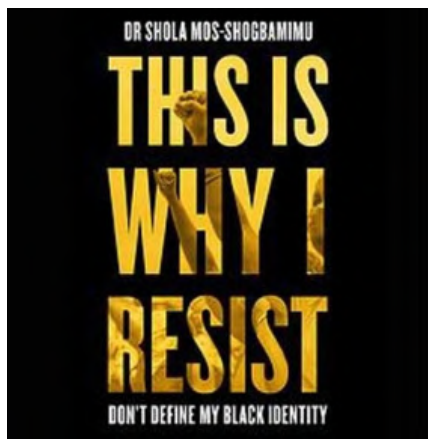
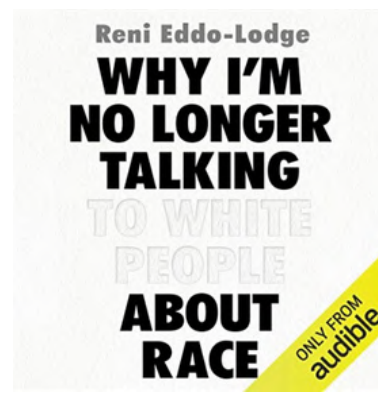
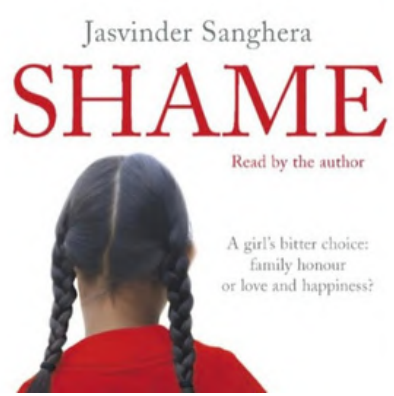
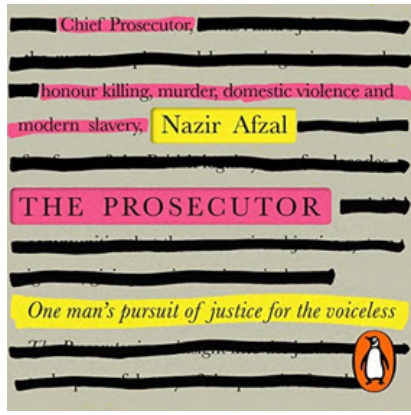
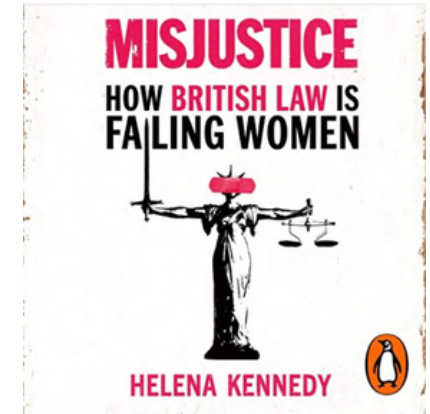
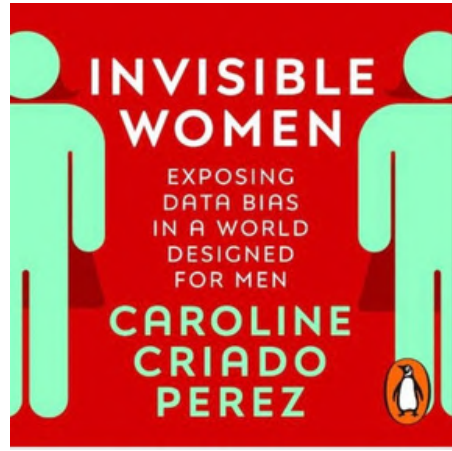
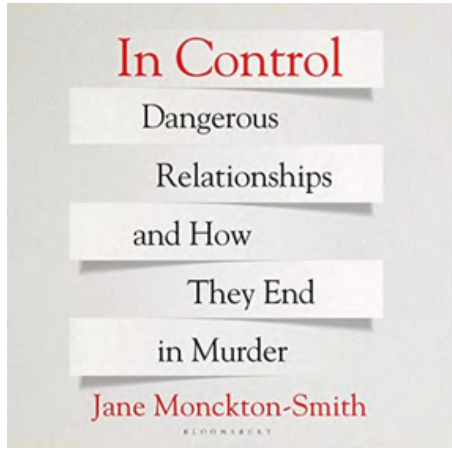




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MARIA GALLAGHER



Maria Gallagher co-founded University of Westminster Feminist Law Society, while studying the Graduate Diploma in Law, and is serving as president for a second year while studying the LLM Legal Practice Course at Westminster Law School to become a solicitor. Maria is working toward securing a training contract.

Maria incorporated **Feminist Law Society Ltd [18]** (soon to be C.I.C.), during lockdown, to continue promoting feminist law campaigns, organisations and discussions that aim to affect legislative and cultural change. As Director of Feminist Law Society of England and Wales, Maria will continue to develop the organisation once she steps down as president of University of Westminster Feminist Law Society in July 2021. Currently crowdfunding her own way through law school, in the longer term, Maria aims for Feminist Law Society of England and Wales to provide law school scholarships for applicants from minority groups.

Maria creates accessible feminist law, educational resources through her company, **Accessible Creations Ltd [19]**, and creates all of the resources for Feminist Law Society, including the ebooklet 'Why Do We Need Feminist Law?' [20]. Maria also designed, organises and facilitates the **Feminist Law Lecture Programme [21]**. She runs the Feminist Law Society website and creates all of the content which educates about, and gives a platform to, feminist law campaigns. Maria also created the **Feminist Law Society Virtual Bookshelf [22]**.

In addition to this, as part of her voluntary role, Maria also creates all of the educational resources for University of Westminster Feminist Law Society, including leading on, creating and editing, and providing the vast majority of the content for, all of the newsletters while also serving as President.

Maria believes it is incredibly important to use varying formats when creating educational materials, which is why she made a **music playlist [23]** to accompany the topics covered within her ebooklet.

Having grown up at the very centre of the British punk music scene, Maria explains that 'the energy around the feminist law movement is similar to the 70s punk scene in that it is fierce and political and we are all here to rock the foundations of a deeply flawed system, only this flawed system is the patriarchy which is steeped in misogyny.

Punk was never afraid of the 'F' word. Feminists will continue to kick the doors in, bring our own chairs to conference tables and smash those glass ceilings as long as this current system, effectively, facilitates impunity for male violence.

There are not enough women in positions of power, where decisions are being made, and even fewer black women, and women from all other minority groups are simply not being heard or counted. Our disabled sisters aren't even seen. This is now changing. Feminists are uniting across political parties. This has been demonstrated through the landmark Domestic Abuse Bill. Watching the Bill move through all of the stages has felt like a kind of "Feminist Law World Cup". We have some fierce players on all sides, and in both Houses, and they are fighting hard for us all and bringing home those wins'

Of her time as President of University of Westminster Feminist Law Society, 'I am very proud of everything that has been achieved by University of Westminster Feminist Law Society in the relatively short time it has been running. It has weathered so many challenges through lockdown, but we have always pulled through, no matter what challenges we have faced. Delivering for our members, regardless of adversities, has been my key motivation because I am so grateful to them for giving the Society the momentum that they have done, just by joining. The Society, in turn, has served as an ideal platform for me to channel my ideas over the last two years.

I have been incredibly fortunate to have had two excellent Vice Presidents on the committee for both years to support me in my role and to assist me in facilitating those ideas.'

University of Westminster Feminist Law Society, 2020, Vice-President, Jacqueline Jahnel:

'Jacqueline was, and still is, a joy to work with. Jacqueline is a brilliantly bright and a deeply authentic person. Jacqueline assisted me with my first ebooklet for Feminist Law Society, 'Why Do We Need Feminist Law?' She understood the brief instantly and she shared my enthusiasm. It really was a labour of love for both of us. Jacqueline now, very kindly, volunteers for Feminist Law Society of England and Wales, while she studies the Bar Practice Course at University of Law. Jacqueline will be an outstanding barrister. I am so excited for her journey into practice. I hope she continues to be involved in the running of Feminist Law Society of England and Wales, in one way or another, throughout her legal practice.

University of Westminster Feminist Law Society, 2021, Vice-President, Aleksandra Nowicka:

'I met Aleksandra on the GDL and, before lockdown, we would meet for coffee at the Supreme Court just to see Lady Hale in action in court. So, I am delighted to be working alongside Aleksandra on these current projects. Aleksandra is first class, all the way. She shares my high regard for professionalism and she delivers instantly, every single time. Aleksandra is currently studying her PhD at Westminster and I would love to see her become President of University of Westminster Feminist Law Society when I step down this summer. She would be perfect for the role.'

Maria's feminist law 'shero' is social justice warrior, and Westminster Law School alumna,

Harriet Wistrich



'The way that Harriet holds the state to account for violence against women and girls by utilising the arsenal of, past and present, feminist research, that is further developed through her vital **Centre for Women's Justice [24]**, coupled with her punk rock approach to strategic litigation, armed with a feminist lens held up over black letter law, and leaving landmark feminist law precedents in her path, is the legal practice blueprint that all feminist lawyers should try to emulate.

I certainly hope to one day.'

Feminist Law Society of England and Wales will always give a platform to university Feminist Law Societies on the website.

If your university doesn't yet have a Feminist Law Society, and you want to start one, contact your University's Student Union to find out how to start one. As an affiliate of Feminist Law Society of England and Wales, be sure to prefix your university Feminist Law society name with the name of your university



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KEY COMMITTEE:

VICE-PRESIDENT
ALEKSANDRA
NOWICKA



Aleksandra Nowicka is Doctoral Researcher at the University of Westminster, Westminster School of Law. Aleksandra is a 1st Class LLM and a Distinction GDL graduate. In July she will also finish her GDL course at the University of Westminster. She is currently conducting her doctoral research at the University of Westminster, Westminster School of Law in the area of European Union and international trade law. She analyses the phenomenon of Brexit using feminist research methods such as postcolonial theory.

Aleksandra is a legal professional whose work experience mostly amounts to commercial law cases and the legal service for corporate clients, including banks. She also held the position of a judicial assistant in the civil appeal division for over two years. She is also a start-up owner [25].

While conducting her doctoral research, Aleksandra has found it surprising that the effect of Brexit is only assessed from the point of view of society as a whole, and therefore, lacks a feminist approach. As is common in literature and academia, such general analyses are conducted through a male perspective and their potential effects on men, without introducing a feminist data analysis.

In October 2021 Aleksandra will present in person her paper titled 'The issue of the artificial intelligence being based on the algorithmic bias – the analysis through the feminist lenses' during the conference 'Are We Owned? A Multidisciplinary and Comparative Conversation on Intellectual Property in the Algorithmic Society' held at the University of Stirling, and funded by the Modern Law Review.

'We live in a man's world. The world created by men for men. Even though women amount to the majority of world's population, they hold only a small percentage of senior chairs. The academic research is dominantly conducted through the male perspective. The research data is analysed through the lens of its potential effects on men, without introducing a female element.'

Aleksandra's feminist law hero is Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the Notorious RBG. 

'Her opinions and legal rhetoric in such cases as United States v. Virginia, 518 U.S. 515 (1996) have always set milestone moments for women's rights. One of the feminist law figures that will never be forgotten.'

Aleksandra believes that organisations like the University of Westminster Feminist Law Society are vital to educate future generations, promote gender equality, and fight misogyny which is still alive and well in our society. Only by being socially active and using our voice against discrimination, can we make a difference. This is why she has joined the University of Westminster Feminist Law Society committee as Vice-President.

'Feminism is the radical notion that women are human beings.' — Cheri Kramarae

TREASURER
CEYDA
ILGEN



Ceyda Ilgen is a Doctoral Researcher at the University of Westminster, Westminster School of Law. Ceyda studied LLM on International Human Rights Law at the University of Essex between 2018-2019. She is currently pursuing doctoral research at the University of Westminster, Westminster School of Law in the area of facial recognition, human rights, and data protection. She examines the ways of mitigating adverse impacts of facial recognition by comparing the Business and Human Rights framework and General Data Protection Regulation.

During her academic career, she has taken part in different student organisations, research groups and charity activities. Since August 2018 she has been one of the executive members of the Association of International Youthful Lawyers, which carries out projects on international human rights law. She worked as a researcher at the University of Essex Human Rights Centre Clinic between November 2018 — July 2019. In the Clinic, she was part of a project on 'Litigating the Obligation to Prosecute and Punish Conflict-related Crimes before an African Regional Mechanism'. She worked voluntarily as English Language Tutor at the Essex Integration, Refugee & Migrant Support Charity, United Kingdom, between January 2020 — February 2020.

Throughout the course of her legal studies, Ceyda further developed a particular interest in women's rights. In her doctoral studies, she has found that current data-driven technologies, including facial recognition technologies, have serious biased and discriminatory impacts on groups of people who already underrepresented such as women, people of colour, and disabled people. Therefore, she is also researching the discriminatory impacts of biometric surveillance uses on women.

On 7 April 2021, she will be presenting a paper on the adverse impacts of algorithmic decision-making systems in hiring processes, in particular through analysing gender-based discriminatory outcomes of such systems, in the Artificial Intelligence and Simulation of Behaviour 2021 Symposium. The title of her paper is: 'Mitigating Discriminatory Impacts of Algorithmic Decision-making Systems in Hiring Processes: An Analysis Through the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business human Rights Framework'.

During her research, Ceyda has realised that looking into the negative impacts of data-driven technologies on women through a feminist perspective will be beneficial in researching the mitigation of such impacts. She aims to contribute by her research to the growing movement of analysing inequality in advanced technology and machine learning data training platforms.

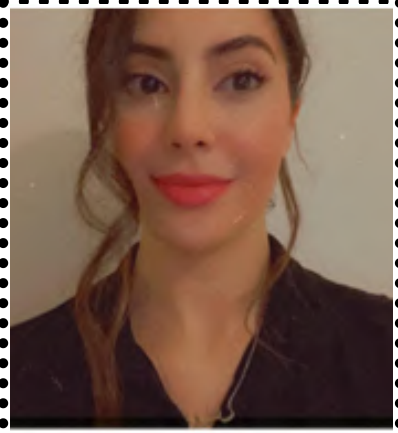
 **Ceyda has two feminist law idols: Gloria Steinem and Malala Yousafzai** 

'Gloria Steinem devoted her life to campaign for women's rights and raise awareness of feminism. Malala Yousafzai, survived cruel retaliation and fights for the right to the education of girls in her country. I am inspired by their life stories and glorious impacts on the feminist movement.'

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MARKETING TEAM:

SOCIAL MEDIA CO-ORDINATOR
INESS BENAZIZA



Iness is a final year student studying on the Integrated Masters in Law LLB and LPC course at the Westminster Law School. She is an aspiring solicitor and hopes to secure a training contract shortly.

Iness is a Student Advisor at the University's Legal Advice Clinic and is also volunteering for a project in collaboration with London Black Women's Project assisting women to claim compensation from their criminal injuries and review CPS and police decisions. Iness shares more on her volunteering and work experiences on her LinkedIn page, <https://www.linkedin.com/in/inessbenaziza/> [26]

Iness believes feminist law is important because an analysis of the contribution of law is essential in dismantling the patriarchy. She is proud to be a University of Westminster Feminist Law Society committee member, endeavouring to raise awareness about feminist law campaigns whilst ensuring its content is accessible.

Iness states, '**feminist law allows us to examine the underlying inequalities in legislation and legal frameworks in our society, assessing the impact on all women.**' She feels her contribution to this discussion has not only broadened her own knowledge, but it has also enabled her to take responsibility in educating herself and others.

Iness' emphasis on 'all women' stems from both a personal and academic comprehension of intersectionality. Iness discovered intersectional feminism whilst researching for her social justice law module and has since committed to this lens of feminist law. She believes that race, ethnicity, class, religion, disability and sexual orientation are all overlapping identities that impact the way in which women experience discrimination, oppression and violence. She feels we cannot allow these overlapping identities to dilute or diminish what women experience.

Violence against women has been a key issue for Iness and she promises to campaign endlessly for this discussion. Her interest in family law unearthed some inequalities faced by women legally – particularly the domestic abuse protective measures. Currently, she believes the Domestic Abuse Bill must tackle the lack of statutory duty and ensure that family courts protect victims and their children. Iness states, 'I hope to see an effective cross-government response in protecting victims. We risk facilitating domestic abuse without guaranteeing legal clarity in this Bill.'

Iness' feminist 'shero' is Kimberlé Crenshaw. 

A woman whom through her overlapping identities of race, ethnicity, class and religion has challenged inequality and instigated feminist discussions in her own community. Crenshaw said, 'If you don't have a lens that's been trained to look at how various forms of discrimination come together, you're unlikely to develop a set of policies that will be as inclusive'. Iness believes we must encourage feminist law discussions to achieve legal and societal change.'

SOCIAL MEDIA CO-ORDINATOR
OLIVIA GAULTIER



Olivia Gaultier is a Graduate Diploma in Law Student at University of Westminster.

After graduating from the University of Exeter with a Business and Economics degree, Olivia decided to orientate herself towards a law degree. She is currently pursuing a Graduate Diploma in Law at the University of Westminster and aspires to become a solicitor.


Choosing to study in England has helped her develop interpersonal skills aiding her ability to fit into new environments quickly and efficiently.

Consequently, she has learned how to communicate an array of complex ideas and composite both economic and legal views to a range of audiences such as students, lecturers, and more importantly legal professionals.

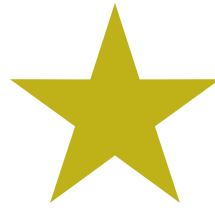
She has decided to join the University of Westminster Feminist Law Society in order to raise awareness and inform more people about the persisting inequalities between men and women through a feminist law lense.

Once Olivia understood the importance of having an open mind and addressing ideas such as criminal inequality and liability, it has taught her that it is possible to change people's opinions and perspective, especially regarding challenges concerning the empowerment of women in the legal profession.

'I believe that with a law perceived through a feminist lens, it is possible to change people's minds. Moreover, interacting with professionals in the field and women that have inspiring paths, I realised that I really wanted to be involved in the Society.'

Olivia's feminist law 'shero' is Christine Lagarde 

'Christine knows how to impose herself in a world mainly directed by men. She truly is a so-called boss woman.'



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