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Trajectories of Intimate Partner Violence: From Psychological and Physical Abuse to Homicide

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The present study analyses dynamics of intimate partner violence from the male point of view. Continuity or qualitative discontinuity between abusive behaviour and homicide and unity versus diversity of homicidal behaviour will be discussed in a contextualised approach considering dynamics of couple relationship and several male features. This study has a quantitative and qualitative methodology using several scales to assess personality, attachment to parents and to romantic partner and a semi-structured interview specially conceived for this research. Some of the main dimensions explored through male narratives were courtship, frequency and severity of physical and psychological violence during couple relationship, early childhood experiences, attachment to female partner, social relationships with others than family and description of abusive and homicidal behaviour. Our participants are male adults inmates condemned for violence or homicide against their female partner: 15 men arrested for homicide or attempted homicide of partner and 6 men arrested for violence against partner. A content analysis from the interviews transcripts was conducted in order to explore dimensions presented above and to identify themes associated to abusive and homicidal acts. A sequential analysis was conducted to assess male conceptualisation of violent or homicidal episodes. Three trajectories emerge from those analyses. One of them, a trajectory of abusive behaviour that usually does not end in homicide and two other trajectories conducting to homicide. Those trajectories will be discussed considering the dimensions explored. Major implications for intervention will be debated.

Domestic Violence against Women: Challenge for Civil Society Organisations in Palestine

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The purpose of this presentation is to study the role and impact of women civil society organisations to eliminate the phenomena of domestic violence in Palestine. It will study the violence against women as a challenge for community peace and development. The presentation will assess the relationship between women's NGOs and the local Authorities as a case study to eliminate the phenomena of domestic violence against women. It will examine the policies of women's NGOs as a strategic issue in implementing its civil society actions and strengthening the concept and practices of citizenship as well. Women movement is represented by a spectrum of NGOs and unions operating different programmes and actions of capacity building, awareness and advocacy campaigns.

The presentation will report on the efforts of women's organisations contribution to the concepts and practices of social and political participation to challenge the legal, social, civil and political restrictions in Palestine. I will examine the challenges facing women engagement in civil, social and political participation. This includes discussing the challenges and restrictions of public freedoms, political exclusion and domestic violence. These circumstances and constraints have already made women in a worse situation. Women remain on the margin of the society and used to vote for this party or that movement without a real political participation.