

INVITATION

to a Three Day Online SEMINAR on Gender-Based Violence

*Between Two Pandemics: Increasing Awareness of Gender-Based Violence
during COVID and Beyond*

DATES

Tuesday 19 October 2021
Wednesday 20 October 2021
Thursday 21 October 2021

TIME

Greece: 13.00-15.00
Iceland: 10.00-12.00
Norway: 12.00-14.00

Theme

In this **three-day seminar** we will discuss various aspects of how the COVID-19 pandemic has brought to light the serious issues related to gender-based violence. Much like the #metoo revolution and other recent global feminist movements, lockdown during COVID-19 brought issues of GBV to the forefront. International organizations such as the UN and the WHO began more directly discussing issues related to gender-based violence, calling it the shadow pandemic. While gender equity is one of the Sustainable Development Goals, the topic of violence often ends up in the shadows.

As we bring the discussion into the light we can begin to question if the increased focus has impacted those whom the actions were intended to help. In our **first session**, we begin by looking at violence against women through discourses used by the various global organizations that have focused on GBV during the pandemic. Then in the **second session** we explore various policies related to violence against women, such as the Istanbul convention and how they impact fragile settings. In our **third meeting** we will spend time contextualizing our discussion within our own countries. Our sessions will be a mixture of lecture, discussion and brief activities. Below are links to sites and documents that participants should familiarize themselves with for each session.

Programme and background documents

- DAY 1: Tuesday 19/10/2021:** “The UN’s shadow pandemic”
- DAY 2: Wednesday 20/10/2021:** “Fragile settings: how policies affect Gender-based violence”
- DAY 3: Thursday 21/10/2021:** “Local views of GBV and COVID-19: What is happening in your neighborhood?”

Day 1: The UN’s shadow pandemic

<https://www.unwomen.org/en/news/in-focus/in-focus-gender-equality-in-covid-19-response/violence-against-women-during-covid-19>

<https://www.unicef.org/documents/responding-shadow-pandemic-taking-stock-gender-based-violence-risks-and-responses-during>

<https://blogs.worldbank.org/developmenttalk/shadow-pandemic-violence-against-women-during-covid-19>

Day 2: Fragile settings: how policies affect Gender-based violence

<https://www.usip.org/publications/2021/08/gender-based-violence-and-covid-19-fragile-settings-syndemic-model>

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/istanbul-convention/home?>

Day 3: Local views of GBV and COVID-19: What is happening in your neighborhood?

<https://www.unhcr.org/en-us/news/stories/2020/11/5fbd2e774/gender-based-violence-rise-during-lockdowns.html>

To **apply** please visit the following link: <https://progender.panteion.gr/discussion/between-two-pandemics-increasing-awareness-of-gender-based-violence-during-covid-and-beyond/>

You will need to upload a short CV. If the number of applications exceeds the available places, applicants will be selected based on their CV.

Good knowledge of English is required. It is free of charge.

Deadline for applications Sunday 17th of October 2021

For more information please visit our website: <https://progender.panteion.gr/>

Certificates of participation will be given to participants upon request.

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