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[I. SVRI Forum 2017: Introducing key note speakers](#)

The SVRI Forum provides a platform for researchers, gender activists, funders, policy makers, service providers, practitioners and survivors from all corners of the world to share innovative research on prevention and response to gender based violence. This year, the global conference will be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on 18-21 September 2017. The event will feature 5 guest speakers, and this week we are pleased to introduce to you, **Dr Claudia Garcia Moreno**.

**Dr Claudia Garcia-Moreno** is a physician from Mexico with a masters in community medicine from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. She has over 25 years of experience in health care delivery, research and policy, working in Africa, Latin America and Asia. Increasingly her work has focused on sexual and reproductive health, women's health and gender in health. For the last 15 years she has been leading the World Health Organization's (WHO) work on gender and women's health, violence against women and HIV/AIDS in women and girls and currently leads the team on Gender, Reproductive Rights, Sexual Health and Adolescence in the Department of Reproductive Health and Research, WHO. She is coordinator of the WHO Multi-Country Study on Women's Health and Domestic Violence Against Women, a large research initiative involving now over 15 countries in Asia, Latin America and Africa. She is a founder and coordinating group member of the SVRI and on the Steering Committee of the Global Coalition on Women and AIDS.

Read more about SVRI Forum 2017 [here](#)

We look forward to seeing you all in Rio!

## II. Journal articles

**Please note, to obtain a full copy of a journal article you may write to the author given as the contact person by the respective publishing house to request a copy.**

[Intimate partner violence in women with disabilities: perception of healthcare and attitudes of health professionals. Ruiz-Perez I, Pastor-Moreno G, Escribà-Agüir V, Maroto-Navarro G. Disabil. Rehabil. ePub, 2017:](#) This study seeks to understand the experiences of women with disabilities who are or have been abused by their partners and to explore the knowledge, views and training requirements of primary care professionals. [Source: Safetylit].

[The macro-level drivers of intimate partner violence: New evidence from a multilevel dataset. Kovacs R.J. Glob Public Health. 4, 1-13, 2017:](#) Using Demographic and Health Survey data from 40 developing countries, this paper demonstrates that socio-economic development, beliefs and laws play an important role in explaining intimate partner violence. [Source: PubMed].

[Secondary distress in violence researchers: a randomised trial of the effectiveness of group debriefings. Grundlingh H, Knight L, Naker D, Devries K. BMC Psychiatry. 17\(1\), ePub, 2017:](#) This study describes the epidemiology of secondary distress experienced by violence researchers, and assesses the effectiveness of group debriefings in mitigating secondary distress and the risk and protective factors. [Source: PubMed].

[A global comprehensive review of economic interventions to prevent intimate partner violence and HIV risk behaviours. Gibbs A, Jacobson J, Wilson A.K. Global health action. 10\(sup2\), ePub, 2017:](#) Intimate partner violence (IPV) and HIV are co-occurring global epidemics, with similar root causes of gender and economic inequalities. This review highlights missed opportunities in understanding the impacts of interventions at the intersections of HIV and IPV. [Source: Taylor & Francis Online].

[The prevention of violence in childhood through parenting programmes: a global review. Coore Desai C, Reece J.A, Shakespeare-Pellington S. Psychol Health Med. 22\(sup1\), 166-186, 2017:](#) This review examines evidence from previous systematic reviews on the role of parenting programmes in the prevention of violence against children in both high-income countries and low and middle-income countries. [Source: PubMed].

## III. Online publications and resources

[A global database of abortion laws, policies, health standards and guidelines. Johnson B.R, Mishra V, Lavelanet A.F, Khosla R, Ganatra B. WHO Bulletin. ePub, 2017:](#) This database is designed to further strengthen global and national efforts to eliminate unsafe abortion by facilitating comparative and country-specific analyses of abortion laws and policies, placing them in the context of information and recommendations from WHO technical and policy guidance on safe abortion. [Source: WHO Bulletin].

[Increasing men's awareness of the effects on children exposed to family and domestic violence. Family Violence Men's Education Project. University of Tasmania and The Salvation Army. Lucas P, Winter R, Hughes C, Walsh K. 2016:](#) This report sets out to develop and test a best practice model of education to raise men's awareness of the impact of family violence on their children. [Source: Salvation Army].

#### IV. Research opportunities, grants and funding

[Call for research findings on digital health interventions](#): In response to a global need for evidence-based global recommendations on the use of digital health interventions available via mobile device, the WHO Department of Reproductive Health and Research (RHR) in collaboration with other WHO departments has commenced the process of developing WHO Guidelines. As part of this process, over the coming months, a series of systematic reviews of research evidence have been commissioned on specific digital health topics noted below. WHO is requesting from the global community any and all relevant primary studies that should be considered for inclusion in the systematic reviews. Deadline: 15 September 2017. [Source: WHO].

[Call for proposals: Preventing and combating gender-based violence and violence against children](#): For the purposes of this call, the European Union (EU) defines gender based violence (GBV) as violence directed against a person because of that person's gender or as violence that affects persons of a particular gender disproportionately. The EU calls for proposals to prevent GBV; and Protect and support for victims of gender-based violence and violence against children, including through tackling under-reporting and promoting multi-disciplinary cooperation among relevant professionals. Deadline: 14 November 2017. [Source: WUNRN].

[Call for submissions: UNFPA Bosnia and Herzegovina award](#): Entries are open for UNFPA Bosnia and Herzegovina Award which has been instituted to acknowledge the commendable efforts undertaken in BiH that challenge dominant social stereotypes, deconstructing prejudices against marginalized groups or for significant contribution in advancing rights of people in one of the four key UNFPA priority areas. Deadline: 17 November 2017. [Source: UNFPA Bosnia and Herzegovina].

#### V. News

[Former UN envoy urges continued vigilance in fight against sexual exploitation and abuse, UN News, 5 July 2017](#): the former deputy head of the United Nations peacekeeping mission in the Central African Republic (CAR) has urged continued vigilance to ensure that the world body's personnel do no harm while carrying out their duties.

[New measures on violence against women to be put in domestic abuse bill, The Guardian, 28 June 2017](#): New measures to protect women and girls from crimes committed overseas will be included in legislation on domestic abuse, the UK government has said.

[Canada launches historic fund for women's rights organizations, AWID News, 9 June 2017](#): On June 9, 2017, Canada announced its landmark "Feminist International Assistance Policy". With this new policy, the Canadian government aims to position the country as a leader on gender equality in its aid programming.

#### VI. Events

[Professional development programme for gender trainers](#): The Royal Tropical Institute (KIT) Gender Department and the UN Women Training Centre offers this with an aim of reposition training for gender equality as a strategy to challenge and engender mainstream development and support the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals. The training is offered in two options: Option 1 is face to face in Amsterdam, Netherlands on 23-27 October 2017 (Module 1) and 16-20 April 2018 (module 2); Option 2 will be facilitated online on 16 January – 13 February 2018 (module 2) and on 30 October 2017 – 13 April 2018 (virtual mentoring and networking). [Source: UN Women Training Centre].

**For more events visit: <http://www.svri.org/event-calendar>**

## VII. Vacancies

[Team Leader](#) / Pacific Women Support Unit / Australasia; Fiji / Closing date: 9 July 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Development Coordinator, Anti-Violence Project](#) / New York City Anti-Violence Project / New York, USA / Closing date: 11 July 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Communications Coordinator](#) / Women LEAD Nepal / Kathmandu, Nepal / Closing date: 14 July 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Development Coordinator](#) / Women LEAD Nepal / Kathmandu, Nepal / Closing date: 14 July 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Administrative Assistant](#) / UNICEF / Dhaka, Bangladesh / Closing date: 20 July 2017. [Source: FundsforNGOs].

[Program Manager- Women's Rights](#) / The Open Society Foundations / New York, USA / Closing date: 24 July 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Health specialist](#) / World Bank Group / Lome, Togo / Closing date: 24 July 2017. [Source: FundsforNGOs].

[Financial Analyst](#) / Association for Women's Rights in Development / Toronto, Canada / Closing date: Open until filled/ [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Gender Project Officer](#) / PEG Africa / Accra, Ghana / Closing date: Open until filled/ [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

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Sexual violence is a global issue that requires coordinated evidence-based responses.

The Sexual Violence Research Initiative is hosted by the Medical Research Council, South Africa. The SVRI aims to increase awareness and promote research on sexual violence and its linkages to other forms of violence to influence policy and practice, particularly in low and middle income countries.

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