

New Thesis Proposal Form

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1. What is your research topic?

The research topic area is women's rights - programme development.

2. What is your research question?

Which type of perpetrator prevention programme is most effective in a post-conflict refugee camp setting?

The three types of perpetrator prevention programme that will be explored are: Mother and son, Father and son, Sons alone.

3. Why would you like to explore this topic and question?

There is a significant body of evidence that suggests that exposure to violence and trauma in childhood, can lead to an increased likelihood of experiencing or inflicting domestic violence in adulthood.

Kurdistan has high rates of domestic violence. And those in its refugee camps have often both experienced and fled violence. This makes the young people in its camps, especially men, as violence is a gendered action, at high risk of being perpetrators later in life due to the combination of learned behaviours and trauma.

4. What are the debates to which your dissertation will relate?

- Are perpetrator programmes a worthwhile investment considering the money could be "better" spent on programmes directly working on women and girls?
- Can perpetrator programmes improve the empathy towards victims of violence?

5. What is your proposed methodology?

- Mixed: quantitative & qualitative.

6. What type of data do you need?

- Mixed: quantitative & qualitative. Both provided by the partner organization.

7. Who are your proposed supervisors?

- Prof. Majaheed Shaikh
- Prof. Michaela Kreyenfeld
- Prof. Helmut K. Anheier