

## **Violence and masculinity**

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Both the expression of violence and the conceptualisation, implementation and maintenance of socially defined gender roles, i.e., masculinity and femininity, are determined by a normative network of the broader society with its structure, its functioning and, at the same time, by repeated systemic violence. Violence is one of the basic human characteristics which is subjected to legal regulation. All new, marginal social groups, which have been empirically verified as more violent than others, call for the re-conceptualisation of violence and other phenomena related to a marginal social status. This is the only way to overcome the existing situation and to make a significant theoretical and practical shift towards the re-examination of the role of gender in violence.

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