

Call for Applications

Reframing Gendered Violence Project Istanbul Workshops February–April 2018

Application deadline:
February 1, 2018

[Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul](#) invites undergraduate students in their senior year and graduate students to an interactive workshop series to be held as part of the two year initiative, “Reframing Gendered Violence”, at the Center for the Study of Social Difference (CSSD) at Columbia University.

The workshop series aims to explore questions of gender-based violence, sexual violence, violence against LGBT people in new directions, deepening the ways in which we engage with the manifestations and causes of such violence in local and global contexts. Participants are expected to watch video recordings of a series of panels, which took place in New York with distinguished scholars from Columbia and other universities in the field; and also read the papers and contribute to the debate by reflecting on the participants’ own research and academic interests. The workshops aim to not only bring together academics and students who work on themes related to gender based violence in Turkey and in the MENA region, but also create dialogue and facilitate exchange of knowledge at the global level.

Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul will hold four workshops, which will be led by renowned academics in the field, first workshop will be led by Aylin Vartanyan, Bogaziçi University.

Academics who are directly affiliated with the Reframing Gendered Violence Project at Columbia will be attending the workshops via teleconference.

Due to limited space, interested students are kindly requested to submit the application form by February 1, 2018.

About the Reframing Gendered Violence Project

The Reframing Gendered Violence Project aims to open up a critical global conversation among scholars and practitioners in order to reframe the problem of violence against women as it is currently discussed in a wide range of fields, both academic and policy oriented, including human

rights, public health, journalism, law, feminist studies, literature, sociology, religious studies, anthropology, and history.

Under the title, “Reframing Gendered Violence,” CSSD will engage critically with the terms, the assumptions, and the policies that have underwritten this unprecedented outpouring of attention. What do different parties mean when they talk of violence against women or of gender-based violence? Is the mean form of violence against women sexual in nature? Does it occur primarily in domestic settings? What is left out when the problem is framed in this way, and whose interests are served by such framing? When invoked in the halls of the United Nations and used to shape international policy, the terms violence against women (VAW) and gender-based violence (GBV) are often assumed to have stable meanings, yet they do not.

The goal is to move the conversation on this crucial topic in new directions, pointing to elisions and exclusions in many common-sense understandings of these terms; deepening the ways in which we engage with the manifestations and causes of such violence; unpacking the politics through which accusations of GBV can sometimes be used to pathologize entire communities, societies or religious traditions, or to divert attention from more systemic forms of abuse such as economic, discursive, and political violence.

For more information on Reframing Violence against Women:

<http://socialdifference.columbia.edu/projects/reframing-violence-against-women>

About the Workshops

The workshops invite students to:

- Explore questions of gender-based violence, sexual violence, violence against LGBT people in new directions, deepening the ways in which we engage with the manifestations and causes of such violence in local and global contexts.
- Participate in and shape the Reframing Gendered Violence Projects’s international dialogue by contributing perspectives on the questions raised by the Reframing Gendered Violence Project and their relevance in Turkey and the MENA region.
- Provide a platform for students to discuss the topics with renowned scholars, artists and activists from diverse backgrounds and develop a joint working agenda.

Reframing Gendered Violence Istanbul Workshop Agenda

1) Beyond Prevalence: The Next Generation of Campus Sexual Assault

February 9, 2018 18:30-20:30

Workshop Leader at Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul: Aylin Vartanyan, Boğaziçi University

2) Gender and the Technologies of State Violence: Innocence-Disposability-Resilience

February (TBD), 2018 18:30-20:30

Workshop Leader/s at Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul: TBD

3) Interrogating Culture-Based Explanations for Violence against Women

March 23, 2018 18:30-20:30

Workshop Leader/s at Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul: Fatmagül Berktaş

4) TBD

April (TBD), 2018 18:30-20:30

Workshop Participation

- The workshops are open to 20 undergraduate students in their senior year and graduate students studying Humanities or Social Sciences, who are particularly interested in issues of women or gender violence, sexual violence, economic violence, discursive violence, political violence, gender-based “disappearances,” and so on.
- There is no additional space available for those wishing to participate as observers.
- The workshop will be held in English. All students should have a good command of English in order to participate in the discussion.
- There will be some background reading and video recordings to watch prior to the workshops. The materials will be provided by the organizers.
- Students are expected to attend all workshops, and bring questions and/or comments to the workshops.

Please register by January 22, 2018 to Eylem Tasdemir, Program Officer
ent2115@columbia.edu by sending us the following information:

- 1) Full name:
- 2) Name of university:
- 3) Year at university:
- 4) Area of study:
- 5) Name of any other project/study the student has been involved with related to gender/women studies (or gender-based violence)
- 6) Please describe your area of study. (max. 100 words)
- 7) Please describe why you are interested in applying to the program. (max. 100 words)
- 8) Email address:
- 9) Mobile phone:
- 10) Dietary restrictions:
- 11) I can attend all workshops. YES NO

The workshops will take place at the Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul Office.

Address: Siraselviler Cad. No:49 Yeni Hayat Apt. Floor 2, Flat 5, Taksim

For any questions, please contact Eylem Tasdemir via ent2115@columbia.edu.

Reframing Gendered Violence Istanbul Workshop Reading List

1) Beyond Prevalence: The Next Generation of Campus Sexual Assault

- President’s Task Force on Preventing and Responding to Sexual Violence and Sexual Assault – University of California, September 2014
- Campus Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment Research Group Progress Report, September 2017
- Williams Collage: Mapping Methods in a Situational Prevention Case Study – PPT
- Incorporating Sexual Violence, Intimate Partner Violence and Reproductive Coercion Prevention and Response into the Campus-based Health Settings across the University of California
- Enhancing Campus Sexual Assault Prevention Efforts through Situational Interventions: Adapting an Evidence-Based Model
- “Sexual Harassment at Institutions of Higher Learning: Prevalence, Risk, and Extent” by Leila Wood, Sharon Hoefler, Matt Kammer-Kerwick, Noël Busch-Armendariz
- Strengthening the University of California’s Prevention and Response to Campus-Based Sexual and Intimate Partner Violence

2) Gender and the Technologies of the State Violence: Innocence-Disposability-Resilience

- “Where is Settler Colonialism in Analyses of Gender Violence?” Sherene Razack
- “Should State Violence Against School Girls Be Called Gender Based Violence?” Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian
- Would Getting Rid of the Concept of Innocence Enable Us to Address Gendered and Racist Violence? Miriam Ticktin

3) Interrogating Culture-Based Explanations for Violence against Women

- “Saguma: Conversation with Accused and Accusers” Philip Gibbs
- “An Analysis of the Papua New Guinea Government’s Response to Gender Based Violence through CEDAW Compliance. What are some implications?” Mary Fairio
- “There’s an Act for That: Jumping the Scales of Law in Papua New Guinea” Melissa Demian
- “PNG National Research Institute” Fiona Hukula

4) TBD