The dark side of being a woman:

Gender based violence and discrimination.

14th of January 2020, 9h30 — 13h30 Padova
Archivio Antico — Palazzo del Bo, Via VIII Febbraio, 2

Speakers:

Tania Johnston — University of Barcelona
The potential of Virtual Reality for the rehabilitation of Intimate Partner Violent perpetrators: an overview.

Gianluca Padrin, Samuel Sturaro — University of Padova
Acceptability of sexual attention in the workplace: the contribution of queer people in challenging sexual objectification norms.

Magdalena Formanowicz — Nicolaus Copernicus University in Torun, Poland
The Silencing of Gender Bias: Evidence from Billions of Words.

Agieszka Pietraszkiewicz — University of Bern
Agency and Communion Wording in Female- and Male-dominated Job Advertisements.

Bruno Gabriel Salvador Casara — University of Padova
Gender Inequality and Twitter collective action in the U.S.A.

Jan Nikadon — Nicolaus Copernicus University in Torun, Poland
Joanna Dolzycka — University of Silesia in Katowice, Poland
The words of harassment: computerized analysis of #metoo tweets.

Alice Lucarini — University of Padova
Too late for emotions: the role of secondary emotions in victim blaming.

Despite increasing attention and collective effort in policy making and social programs, gender based discrimination and violence remain a pervasive social and public health issue. To that end, further scientific and professional attention is needed to understand the underpinning contributing factors in order to conceive more effective prevention policies and intervention strategies.

Investigating the processes involved in the phenomenon is critical for both its primary and secondary prevention. Within this workshop, several European scholars exchange knowledge and findings to stimulate a global reflection on the topics of:

- Gender bias, discrimination and violence
- Individuals and collective reactions to it
- Rehabilitation of perpetrators

Gender bias and violence affect women’s everyday life, and interfere with their professional and personal goals and achievements. Social norms of acceptance, tolerance and justification of such phenomena have an impact on policies as well as on institutional, collective and individual responses to such events. We will discuss how gender bias manifests (more or less explicitly) in the public discourse and how it is reflected in everyday’s professional life, for instance in job advertising.

We will examine underpinning factors in gender-related online collective actions, such as #MeToo and #Sexstryke. We will also see how a verbal sexual harassment event is evaluated by the Italian public. Moreover, we will explore how virtual reality can be used as a novel and effective complement to classic intimate partner violence rehabilitation programmes.