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 #Sextryke. 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.
9h30
Welcome

9h40
The potential of Virtual Reality for the rehabilitation of Intimate Partner Violent perpetrators: an overview.

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10h00
Acceptability of sexual attention in the workplace: the contribution of queer people in challenging sexual objectification norms.

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10h20
The Silencing of Gender Bias: Evidence from Billions of Words.

Magdalena Formanowicz
Nicolaus Copernicus University in Torun, Poland

11h00-11h30
Break

11h30
Agency and Communion Wording in Female- and Male-dominated Job Advertisements.

Agnieszka Pietraszkiewicz¹, Magdalena Formanowicz², Petra Müller¹, Sabine Sczesny¹

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12h10
Gender Inequality and Twitter collective action in the U.S.A.

Bruno Gabriel Salvador Casara¹, Alice Lucarini¹, Caterina Suitner¹, Eric Knowles²

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12h30
The words of harassment: computerized analysis of #metoo tweets

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12h50
Too late for emotions: the role of secondary emotions in victim blaming

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13h10
Conclusions:
Discussant: Anne Maass