



## **Co-ordination Action on Human Rights Violations/CAHRV**

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### **Dear colleagues in gender, conflict and violence research!**

This is the first issue of a quarterly newsletter from the project Co-ordination Action on Human Rights Violations (CAHRV) aiming at a broader audience. It will be distributed to the European Network on Conflict, Gender and Violence and posted at the CAHRV web-page.

As some of you already may know, CAHRV is a broad-based, collaborative effort of 22 research institutions in 14 European Countries, policy networks, and individual researchers addressing human rights violations in the context of interpersonal relationships. CAHRV is funded through the European Commission's 6th Framework Programme and is running from 1 May 2004 until 30 April 2007. The project is co-ordinated by Carol Hagemann-White, University of Osnabrück, Germany, [carol.cahrv@uni-osnabrueck.de](mailto:carol.cahrv@uni-osnabrueck.de)

CAHRV is organised into four sub-networks and all its members belong to one of them:

1. *Identifying and profiling victimisation*. Co-ordinator: Manuela Martinez, [manuela.martinez@uv.es](mailto:manuela.martinez@uv.es).
2. *The roots of interpersonal violence: gendered practices, social exclusion and violation*. Co-ordinator: Keith Pringle, [pringle@socsci.aau.dk](mailto:pringle@socsci.aau.dk).
3. *Addressing gender-based human rights violations*. Co-ordinator: Jalna Hanmer, [jh@jhanmer.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:jh@jhanmer.fsnet.co.uk).
4. *Protective environmental factors securing human rights*. Co-ordinator: Ralf Puchert, [ralf.puchert@dissens.de](mailto:ralf.puchert@dissens.de).

Each sub-network has specific work packages that contribute to the action as a whole, using its specific topical focus as the example or demonstration case. CAHRV also examines when policies and interventions are effective and what context variables need to be considered for transfer. Cross-cutting activities such as annual conferences and high-level expert groups and an interactive web-based communication system ensure a continuing dialogue between the sub-networks.

More information about the project can be found at **THE CAHRV WEB-PAGE:**  
<http://www.cahrv.uni-osnabrueck.de/>

**THE FIRST GENERAL CAHRV CONFERENCE** focussed on “Human Rights and Health Care in a Gender Perspective” and took place 24<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> of September 2004 in Osnabrück, Germany. It was organized to follow immediately after a one-day presentation of some major and recently completed German research on gender-based violence on Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> open to a general audience. The national presentation centred on three studies commissioned and funded by the Federal Ministry for Family, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, which hosted this conference day. Summaries of these presentations are now available at the CAHRV web-page.

The dissemination of the CAHRV programme, programme of the “German research day” and several further notices on these conferences onto the web resulted in overwhelming interest in all fields of expertise concerning human rights. Approximately 700 people from 25 countries attended the German presentation day including experts and interested people in the field of policy, advocacy, practice and science. 230 people attended the opening conference of CAHRV and 170 registered for the sub-network meetings; an additional workshop was arranged at short notice to meet the interest in discussion of the presentations. The CAHRV opening conference on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> of September started with a plenary session comprising four presentations of CAHRV members and discussion focussed on “Human Rights and Health Care in a Gender Perspective”; this part was open to the interested public.

**THE SECOND GENERAL CAHRV CONFERENCE** will be arranged in Paris, 25-28 September 2005. The second conference will follow the format of the first one and be arranged in conjunction with a meeting open to a general audience, and be partly open to interested researchers in the field of gendered violence and human rights violations as well.

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