

## Social Research Call

**Title:**

# *Understanding gender-based violence in equal times*



**Acronym:** *GBV-ET*

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**Main purpose of the project:** This project has three core research objectives. The first objective is of descriptive nature: to understand whether gender-based violence is objectively on the rise, or recent trends are reflecting heightened awareness and reporting of such violence. Second, the project seeks to explain this violence: what explains the current levels and trends of violence, why are some forms on the rise? Finally, the project engages with identifying the best strategies to prevent this violence through both field and online experiments.

**Design/methodology/approach:** The project’s methodology is threefold. First, it will create a comprehensive dataset encompassing all forms of gender-based violence (GBV) by centralizing currently scattered indicators from both official sources and relevant NGOs. Additionally, a novel survey will be designed to thoroughly quantify GBV. Second, quasi-experimental designs will be used to assess the causes of violence. Finally, the project will address prevention through both field and online experiments, conducted in collaboration with relevant stakeholders.

**Potential results:** The project will produce several key deliverables. First, it will create the most comprehensive dataset on various forms of GBV, addressing gaps in existing knowledge. This dataset will be publicly available. Second, two core working papers will be developed: one detailing the evolution of different forms of GBV and the other assessing the causes through quasi-experimental designs. Finally, the project will provide robust evidence on the most effective prevention programs.

**Social relevance of the research:** Overall, this project addresses a critical and socially relevant issue that affects a significant portion of the population, with severe consequences for physical and mental health. Rooted in human rights, this matter lacks sound scientific evidence. The project will provide quantitative evidence on the evolution of GBV, guiding policy priorities and informing stakeholders on the effectiveness of their efforts.

**Originality/value of the project:** For the first time, it comprehensively addresses the problem of violence against women by examining all forms of GBV, and engaging with the causes and prevention efforts, collaborating with stakeholders in pre-existing initiatives.