

Gender Based Violence: Interdisciplinary Perspectives



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Supported by the Leicester Institute for Advanced studies, Fellow Professor Paula Morgan (University of the West Indies) and Principle Host Dr Lucy Evans held a research networking event on 'Gender Based Violence: Interdisciplinary Perspectives'. Bringing together academic researchers from Criminology, Law, Modern Languages and English, the event facilitated presentations from a breadth of scholarly speakers and assisted engaging discussion across disciplinary boundaries.



Attendees in the discussion boardroom

The driving rhetoric behind the event was the consensus that an interdisciplinary community has a crucial role in harnessing global change. Silo study is insufficient in creating cohesively informed environments by which socio-political landscapes can appropriately conceptualise the global presence of GBV, respond to cultural anxieties and execute purposeful decision making. Individuals involved in cases benefit enormously from interdisciplinary insights overriding single departmental research. Discussion established that by utilising varied

methodologies, we can surpass global barriers such as language, literacy rates and differentiating political landscapes to motivate upwards change.

One barrier addressed throughout the event was global cultural and political differences. When putting GBV into the public gaze, it is necessary to consider cross-cultural obstructions. To reconcile common growing anxieties across different culturally embedded frameworks, varied engagement and action is required. Whilst quantitative data needs to be at the backbone of legislative changes, mediums such as literature and art elicit truths about GBV that facts are unable to do, and are therefore necessary to make purposeful support networks that empower victims, prevent further criminal activity and make policies which protect individuals working with victims, such as barristers and social workers.

Future collaborations intend to acknowledge that cohesive sources of research are indispensable in situating the severity of GBV in cultural narratives, and in cultivating effective change where funding, resources and legal action are channelled from informed frameworks.

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