

- SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT -

Thank you for booking, we look forward to seeing you at this event!
Before we do, we wanted to provide you with a few details about the safety of the space.

Event details:

Sexual Violence, Medicine, and Psychiatry Symposium
Online international, interdisciplinary academic symposium
11-12 May 2021
Online
Age guidance: 18 yrs+

The *Sexual Violence, Medicine, and Psychiatry Symposium* is an online academic event bringing together an international and interdisciplinary group of researchers to explore the complex relationship between medicine, psychiatry, and sexual violence. The symposium focuses on the role of medical professionals in debates about sexual violence and seeks to promote human health by providing insights into the role medicine and psychiatry have played in shaping our understanding of sexual violence across time and place.

Speakers from across the world will share their research in the form of video papers available to watch at any time on our website. The speakers will also come together for two roundtable discussions, taking place online across 11-13 May 2021.

As you might expect, these video papers, as well as the roundtable events, will address difficult topics, which might feel overwhelming. We know that some of our discussions will be hard to bear: please remember it is normal to feel sad, angry, distressed, during or after viewing the videos or attending the events.

During the online roundtable events, a chat moderator will make sure that everyone can participate and feel safe; we reserve the right to eject anyone from the space who espouses any criminal, oppressive, or disrespectful comments or questions.

Where possible, we will do our best to avoid graphic descriptions and distressing details. However, some images or details will still refer to events of sexual violence. We are conscious that our audience members may have experiences of their own and feel very strongly about these issues.

If you feel distressed by the content of these videos or the online events, you can:

- You can step away from the videos or leave the event to **have a break at any time**, breathe, drink a glass of water, talk to someone you trust, or any other reassuring activity you can think of.
- If you are in the UK, you can **call the National Rape Crisis Helpline** on 0808 802 9999, for confidential emotional support. The helpline is open every day between 12-2.30pm and 7-9.30pm, calls are free of charge, and the number will not appear on your bill.
- If you are in the US, you can **call the National Sexual Assault Telephone Hotline** at 1-800-656-HOPE. The helpline is operated by RAINN and offers confidential support from a sexual assault service provider in your area. The helpline is open 24/7; the first six numbers of your phone number are used to route the call and your complete phone number is not stored in their system.
- If you are in Australia, you can **call the Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence National Help Line** on 1800 RESPECT. The help line provides confidential information, counselling and support services 24 hours a day. You can also consult the Australian Human Rights Commission's [List of Sexual Assault Services](#) for state-based support services.
- If you are joining/watching from elsewhere in the world, you can **consult this guide for resources available in your country**: <https://osapr.harvard.edu/international-resources-0> (Please note this list is not exhaustive and was not compiled by us).
- You can always **rejoin the event when you feel better and ready**, or not return if you prefer.

Following the symposium, you will be sent a feedback form.

Please feel free to give us suggestions on how we could have handled things differently.

Note that we won't cover every topic related to this issue, as this is a broad field of study. If some of your questions were left unanswered, feel free to write to us or to take a look at our website, where we have put bibliographies and open-access resources:

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Thank you!

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