

# 10 years of the UNESCO Chair in Gender Research

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## 1. THE FIRST DECADE

IN APRIL 2008, UNESCO appointed Prof Sylvia Walby to the UNESCO Chair in Gender Research in order to develop policy-relevant research on gender equality and women's human rights around the world and to develop international networking to build capacity in this field.

The Chair was established with the following objectives:

- 1) Facilitate the development of policy-relevant research on gender equality and women's human rights around the world;
- 2) Support and develop international networking to facilitate the exchange of ideas, research and policy developments, especially between the North and South;
- 3) Support research and build capacity on policy-relevant gender equality issues; curriculum development, student training at graduate level; staff exchanges;
- 4) Facilitate exchanges between researchers and policy makers, in the context of UN instruments for promoting women's human rights and the Millennium Development Goals;

- 5) Collaborate with UNESCO in its Gender Equality policy and strategy.

Four main research projects were developed: Gender and the financial crisis; Violence against women; Measuring equality; Gender equality policies.

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## VIOLENCE AND SOCIETY UNESCO CENTRE



THE CURRENT focus of the UNESCO Chair in Gender Research is violence. The Violence and Society UNESCO Centre was established in 2016.

The aim of the Centre is to build a coherent understanding and explanation of variations in violence and to contribute research expertise to public debate and policy making.

The core team comprises Prof Sylvia Walby (Director), Prof Brian Francis and Dr Jude Towers (Associate Directors), and Dr David Mansley (Research Administrator).

A coalition of researchers from different backgrounds are also linked to the centre. We collaborate in projects with colleagues in the United Kingdom, European Union and beyond including: Australia, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, and the United States.

The Centre has five major themes:

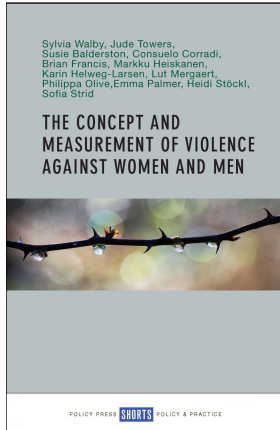
- 1) Theory and concepts
- 2) Measurement
- 3) Types of violence (including trafficking in human beings, violent crime, domestic violence and rape)
- 4) Policy and interventions
- 5) Change: What is the future of violence? What might it mean to move towards 'zero violence'?



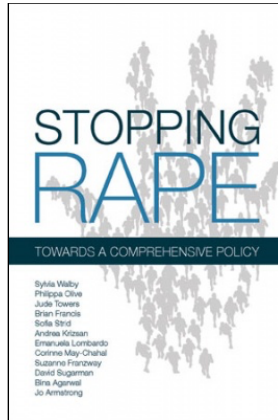
We have developed a programme of events (public lectures and symposia, termly workshops), funded research, and educational courses. The work of the Centre is promoted on our website ([wp.lancs.ac.uk/violence-and-society-unesco-centre](http://wp.lancs.ac.uk/violence-and-society-unesco-centre)), via our emailing list, and with support from the University Press Office.

## RESEARCH, PUBLICATIONS, & FUNDING

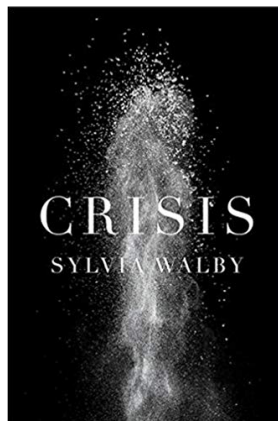
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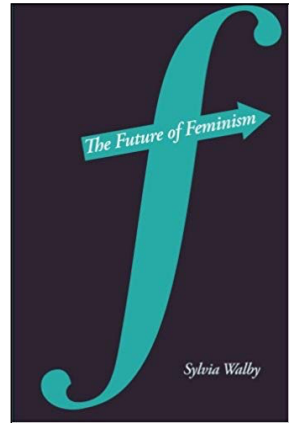
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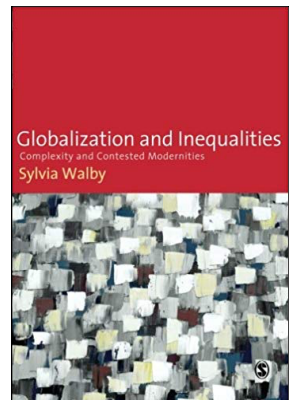
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Walby, Sylvia (2015) *Crisis*. Cambridge: Polity.



Walby, Sylvia (2011) *The Future of Feminism*. Cambridge: Polity.



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## Editorship of journal special issues

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Walby, Sylvia (2011) 'The knowledge society', *Gender Work & Organization*, 18(1): 1-136.

## Refereed journal articles

Walby, Sylvia and Jude Towers (2017) 'Measuring violence to end violence:

Mainstreaming gender', *Journal of Gender-Based Violence*, 1(1): 11-31.

Durbin, Sue, Margaret Page and Sylvia Walby. (2017) 'Gender equality and "austerity": Vulnerabilities, resistance and change', *Gender, Work and Organization*, 24(1): 1-6.

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Strid, Sofia, Sylvia Walby and Jo Armstrong (2013) 'Intersectionality and multiple inequalities:

Visibility in British policy on violence against women', *Social Politics*, 20(4): 558-581.

Walby, Sylvia (2013) 'Finance versus democracy: theorising finance in society', *Work, Employment and Society*, 27(3): 489-507.

Walby, Sylvia (2013) 'Violence and society: Introduction to an emerging field of sociology', *Current Sociology*, 61(2): 95-111.

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Verloo, Mieke and Sylvia Walby (2012) 'Introduction: The implications for theory and practice of comparing the treatment of intersectionality in the

equality architecture in Europe', *Social Politics*, 19(4): 433-445.

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Walby, Sylvia (2012) 'Globalization and varieties of modernity' *EurAmerica: A Journal of European and American Studies*, 42(3): 391-417.

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Walby, Sylvia (2010) 'A social science agenda on the financial crisis', *21<sup>st</sup> Century Society*, 5(1): 19-31.

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Armstrong, Jo, Sylvia Walby and Sofia Strid. (2009) 'The gendered division of labour: how can we assess the quality of employment and care policy from a gender equality perspective?' *Benefits: Journal of Poverty and Social Justice*, 17(3): 263-275.

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## Reports

Walby, Sylvia, Jude Towers, Brian Francis, Karen Shire, Liz Kelly, Birgit Apitzsch, Jo Armstrong, Susie Balderston, Adam Fish, Claire Hardaker, Stuart Kirby, Corinne May-Chahal, Emma Palmer (2016) *Comprehensive Policy Review of Anti-Trafficking Projects funded by the European Commission*. Office of the EU.

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Walby, Sylvia, Birgit Apitzsch, Jo Armstrong, Susie Balderston, Karolina Follis, Brian Francis, Liz Kelly, Corinne May-Chahal, Awais Rashid, Karen Shire, Jude Towers, and Markus Tünte (2016) *Gender Dimension of Trafficking in Human Beings*. EU Anti-Trafficking Coordinators Office.

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Walby, Sylvia and Philippa Olive (2013) *The European Added Value of a Directive on Combatting Violence Against Women: Annex 2 Economic Aspects and Legal Perspectives for Action at the European Level*. Brussels: European Value Added Unit.

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Walby, Sylvia (2013) *What could be the contribution of UNESCO’s Social and Human Sciences Sector?* UK National Commission for UNESCO, Policy Brief 8.

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Walby, Sylvia (2013) *Legal Instruments for Gender Quotas in Management Boards*. PE 474.413. European Parliament.

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Towers Jude and Sylvia Walby (2012) *Measuring the impact of cuts in public expenditure on the provision of services to prevent violence against women*. Trust for London/Northern Rock Foundation.

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Walby, Sylvia and Jo Armstrong (2012) *Gender quotas in management boards*. European Parliament FEMM/ Women’s Rights Committee.

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Walby, Sylvia, Jo Armstrong and Sofia Strid (2010) *Physical and Legal Security and the Criminal Justice System: A Review of Inequalities*. Equality and Human Rights Commission.

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Walby, Sylvia (2010) *Contribution to UNECE and World Bank Developing Gender Statistics: A Practical Tool*. Geneva: United Nations.

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Walby, Sylvia (2009) ‘Gender in the financial crisis’, Commonwealth Finance Ministers Reference Report 2009, 75–78.

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Walby, Sylvia (2009) *Gender and the Financial Crisis*. UNESCO project on ‘Gender and the financial crisis’.

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Walby, Sylvia, Jo Armstrong and Les Humphreys (2008) *Review of Equality Statistics*. Equality and Human Rights Commission.

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## Funding

2017 Humboldt Foundation, Anneliese Maier Research Award for Walby, administered by University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany. 2018–23.

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2016 Citizens Advice. ‘Breaking the silence

evaluation’. CI Susie Balderston,	gender-based violence in the EU’	into violence against women’.
2015. Lankelly Chase Foundation and Nelson Trust. ‘Evaluation of the sex worker outreach project’. CI Susie Balderston.	2013 New Zealand Ministry of Social Development. ‘Costs of Family Violence Project evaluation’.	2011 Trust for London and Northern Rock Foundation. ‘Cuts in services for violence against women.’
2015 European Commission. ‘Policy review of EU anti-trafficking projects.’	2013 European Value Added Unit, European Parliament. ‘Towards a Directive on violence against women: Analysis of its legal grounds and of the cost of violence against women.’	2011 Canadian Ministry of Justice: Costing Violent Spousal Victimization.
2015 Council of Europe. ‘Guidelines for Member States on how to comply with Istanbul Convention Article 11 on data collection’.	2013 ESRC: ‘Is the rate of domestic violence increasing or decreasing? A re-analysis of the British Crime Survey’.	2010 EU Framework: ‘Country context studies’ and ‘country intersectionality reports.’ ‘Quing: Quality in gender equality policies.’
2014 European Commission. ‘The gender dimension of trafficking in human beings for purposes of sexual exploitation.’	2012 European Parliament. ‘Overview of the worldwide best practices for rape prevention and for assisting women victims of rape’.	2009 National Institute for Health Research: ‘Pathways through emergency health care services for women abused by an intimate partner’. Doctoral Fellowship held by Philippa Olive.
2014 Home Office. Review of methods to estimate the cost of gender-based violence.	2012 European Parliament. ‘Gender Quotas on Management Boards’.	2009 Equality and Human Rights Commission: Physical and legal security and the criminal justice system.
2013 European Institute for Gender Equality ‘Study on methodology to determine the economic costs of	2011 UN Women ‘Costing interventions	



2009 UNESCO:  
'Gender and the financial  
crisis'.

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2009 EU Presidency,  
Sweden: Advice on  
'violence against women'.

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2008 Equality and  
Human Rights  
Commission: A review of  
equality statistics.

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2008 NSPCC: Adviser  
to NSPCC Prevalence of  
Child Maltreatment in  
UK Project.

## CAPACITY- BUILDING

### Teaching and postgraduate supervision

#### BA

New BA module,  
'Violence and society',  
2012-

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#### MA

New MA module,  
'Gender and violence',  
2011-

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#### PhD

*Current*

Jess Phoenix: 'Use of  
police time for domestic  
violence', ESRC. 2017-

Geoff Burrows:  
'Violence, gender  
regimes, and violence  
against women: British  
prisons'. ESRC. 2015-

Linta Mathews: 'Gender  
and climate change.'  
2016-

Elouise Davies:  
'Measuring Domestic  
Violence', ESRC. 2018-

#### *Visiting*

Amalia Gómez Casillas  
(University of Barcelona)  
'Comparative domestic  
violence', 2017.

Delia Montero Fernández  
(University of Huelva,  
Spain) 'Gender violence  
in couples using new  
technologies', 2017.

#### *Completed 2008-17*

Ece Kocabiçak:  
'Theorizing the  
relationship between  
patriarchies and  
capitalisms: The case of  
Turkey'. Scientific and  
Technological Research  
Council of Turkey. 2017.

Philippa Olive:  
'Addressing domestic

violence in a health care  
setting'. NIHR, 2014.

Shireen Chilcott: 'Gender  
segregation in the  
construction industry'.  
ESRC. 2013.

Jude Towers: 'Domestic  
violence and economic  
inequality'. ESRC. 2013.

David Mansley:  
'Collective violence,  
democracy and protest  
policing', ESRC, 2012,  
see *Collective Violence,  
Democracy and Protest  
Policing* (Routledge 2014).

## Postdoctoral Fellows

ESRC 'Global  
Challenges' Postdoctoral  
fellowship, held by Sarah  
Becklake on 'Touristic  
securitisation', 2017

Swedish Research  
Council Postdoctoral  
Fellowship held by Sofia  
Strid, 2011-2.

EU Quing Postdoctoral  
fellowship held by Jo  
Armstrong, 2011.

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fellowship held by Sofia  
Strid, 2011.

## **Institution- building at Lancaster University**

### **Annual UNESCO Chair Public Lecture**

Established 2008.

Speakers from:

UNESCO; former

Secretary of State for

International

Development; European

Commission Anti-

Trafficking Coordinator;

London Metropolitan

University Professor of

Sexual Violence; UN

Office of Drugs and

Crime; Northeastern

University, US.

### **Annual external symposium**

2016: 'Towards zero violence? The decline of violence thesis,' hosted jointly with British Sociological Association Study Group on Violence and Society, Lancaster Institute for Social Futures, and Security Lancaster.

2017: 'New ways of measuring change in

violence against women and men.'

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### **Ad hoc Workshops**

Lancaster University:

'Where is the boundary between violence and non-violence'

'Researching trafficking: thinking laterally'

'Gender and violence'

'Measuring violence'

'Researching the policing of violence'.

## **INTERNATIONAL NETWORKING FOR RESEARCH AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT**

### **United Nations**

#### **UNESCO**

UK National Commission (UKNC) for UNESCO, Non-Executive Director, 2011-3.

UKNC Policy Brief 8: What could be the contribution of UNESCO's Social and Human Sciences Sector? 2013.

UKNC Policy Brief 6: What should be the criteria to evaluate UNESCO's 'Global priority gender equality', 2013.

UNESCO Network in Women's Studies/Gender Studies, member, 2006-9.

Global Network of Gender Chairs of UNESCO, Advisory Board 2011-3.

UNESCO project on 'Gender and the financial crisis', Coordinator, 2009-10.

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### **UN Women**

UN Women Expert Group Meeting, Geneva, in preparation for UN Commission on the Status of Women. Member of expert Group and contributor of paper: 'Cascading crises and the world of work: Implications for women's economic empowerment and decent work', 2016

UN Women, New York, led 'think day': the roots of gender inequality, 2016.

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## **UN Secretary-General**

UN Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Women's Economic Empowerment, contribution to European Stakeholder Engagement Meeting, Brussels, 2016

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## **United Nations Development Programme**

Consulted on measuring gender equality in the Human Development Reports, Istanbul, 2010

Contributed to training meeting for UNDP fieldworkers on violence against women, Venezuela, 2009

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## **UNECE/World Bank**

Contribution to Developing Gender Statistics, United Nations and World Bank, 2010.

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## **United Nations Task Force on Violence Against Women Statistics**

Member 2006-11.

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## **UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women**

Advice on indicators for measuring violence against women, 2008

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## **UN Human Rights Council**

Advice on indicators for measuring violence against women, 2008

## **European Union**

### **European Parliament**

Presentations on Trafficking in Human Beings, 2015, 2016.

Presentation at Public Hearing on Gender Equality Strategy, 2010.

Presentation to Group of European Members of Parliament, Sweden, 2009.

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### **European Commission**

EU Anti-Trafficking Coordinator: advice, symposium presentations, 2015-17.

Expert panel presentation towards the development a European Strategy and Policy Analysis System for the European Commission President's Bureau of European Policy Advisers, 2013.

Commission conference, Strategy for Equality between women and men, presentation, 2011.

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## **European Institute for Gender Equality**

Working Party: Indicators for the Beijing Platform for Action, 2010.

Working Party on developing a gender equality index, 2010.

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## **Council of Europe**

Advice on data required by States to meet their obligations under the Council of Europe Istanbul Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence, 2011-6.

## 2. FUTURE PLANS

### RESEARCH

The UNESCO Chair in Gender Research will focus on four inter-related theme relevant to UN Sustainable Development Goal 5 for gender equality:

- 1) Gender and violence
  - Developing the measurement of the gender dimension of violence.
  - Explaining changes in domestic violent crime.
  - Investigating trafficking in human beings, especially its gender dimension
- 2) Gender and crisis
  - investigating the gender dimensions of the cascading crisis.
- 3) Measurement
  - Developing the measurement framework and data for gender (in)equality in the context of the SDGs.
- 4) Theory of change
  - Investigating variations in gender regimes and institutions to develop the theory of change to underpin effective policy interventions.

### CAPACITY-BUILDING

Capacity will be built:

- 1) Develop the Violence and Society Centre, to provide administrative capacity.
- 2) Develop education and training.

- 3) Consolidate and develop events to increase opportunities for cooperation.

—Annual lecture; external facing symposiums; internal workshops.

### INTERNATIONAL NETWORKING FOR RESEARCH AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT

Contribute to the building of international exchange, networking and cooperation:

- 1) Develop international engagement with entities important for policy-relevant research, including: UNESCO, other UN entities (e.g. UN Women), international social science (e.g. International Sociological Association).
- 2) Develop the Chair as a node in international networks for research and policy development for gender equality.

### FUNDING

Funding already includes:

- 1) Anneliese Maier Research Award, Humboldt Foundation, for research on the theory of change in gender regimes.
- 2) RCUK funding to improve measurement of changes in domestic violence within project on domestic violence and mental health.
- 3) PhD funding from the ESRC.