

Masculinities and Society

Masculine Realities: Understanding and Intervening

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Abstract

Since the 1980's, research on masculine realities has importantly developed, notably favouring analyses that consider gender specificities. This has permitted to address, under the masculine socialization process, problematics to identify certain men, some questions on paternal disengagement, health negligence, violence and more specifically violence against women issues. Although violence against women issues is still a very important research ground, new preoccupations emerge. As to participate to the knowledge advancement on men and masculinities, the *Masculinities and Society* team present a research agenda that has *Masculine realities: Understanding and Intervening* as a general research theme and, more specifically, to four different grounds: fatherhood, violence, health, cultural diversity.

Main goal:

1) Firstly, the team's goal is to acquire a better understanding of four important masculine realities (fatherhood, violence, health, cultural diversity) that are judged to be of utmost importance by the authors whom are interested in research advancement on men and masculinities, notably, because they imply problematic contexts. These realities often occur in contexts that render the situations more complex and may have harmful consequences on different social actors, men themselves, women and children. Thus, it is important to better understand these issues in order to avoid greater deterioration of the situation.

2) Secondly, the theme allows to establish links between masculine realities and social behaviours, particularly by having a better understanding of men's aid demands on one side and on the social and health services' responses on the other.

During the realization of their research program, this University-Community partnership team wishes to contribute to knowledge advancement and improvement of the social and health practices on masculine realities throughout, among other things, knowledge transfer and training activities.

Finally, the CURA is inscribed in a liberal pro-feminist perspective by supporting the claims and social advancements associated to feminist research and the women's social movement.

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¹ You will find a glossary in the "Partner's" section for the English translation.