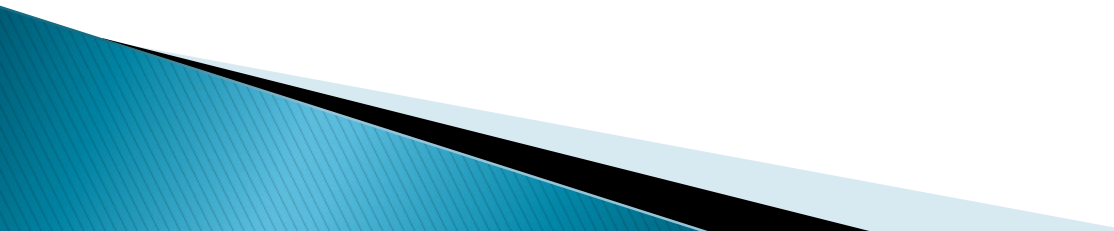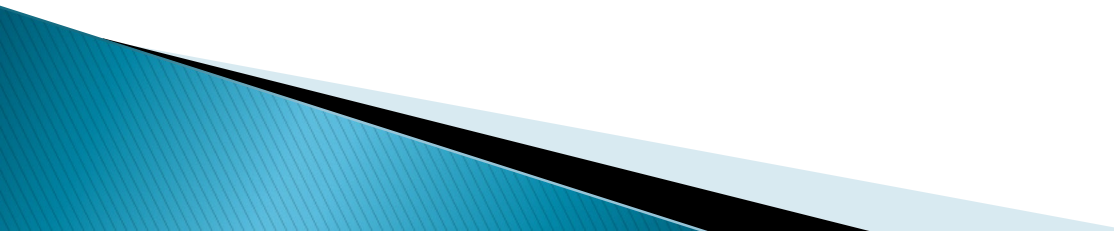# Round Table
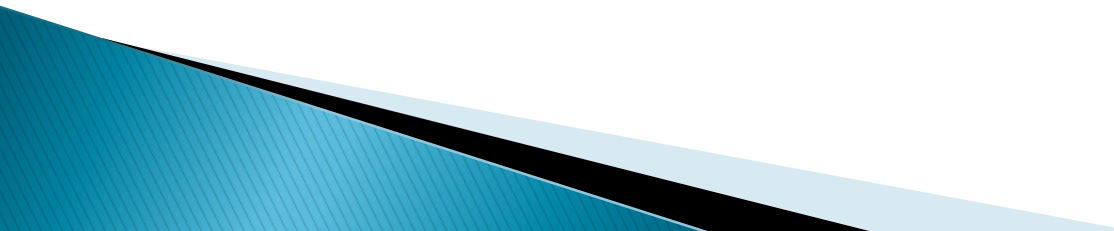
Gender Based Violence
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Gender-based Violence

- Related to patriarchal code based on female subordination/discrimination, humilation, negation of human rights and human dignity, misogyny.

- Misogyny – encompasses a wide range from prejudices and sterotypes (humilation, hate speech) to a direct violence and sexual harassment with the worst manifestation in genital mutilation, femicide, sex trafficking/sex slavery.

Gender-based Violence – Causes

- Result of power imbalance between men and women
- Manifestation of the discrimination of women
- Impact of stereotypes which have been humilating women and taking away their dignity.
- Deep patriarchal roots of misogyny and gender-based violence

Violence Towards Women – Consequences

- Keeping on power imbalaces in private and public sphere
- Harming and negation women`s human rights and basic freedoms
- Outcomes counterposed to establishing equality and peace
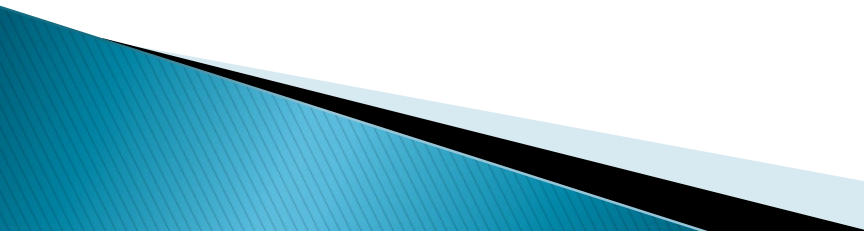- Threat to security and democratic human development

Gender-based Violence in Public and Private Sphere

▸ Interconnection of heteronomous type of personality in patriarchal family, violence in the family, on the one hand, and establishing authoritarian type of relations in the public sphere and conductiong/promoting violence/intolerance/militarization in the society and state, on another hand.
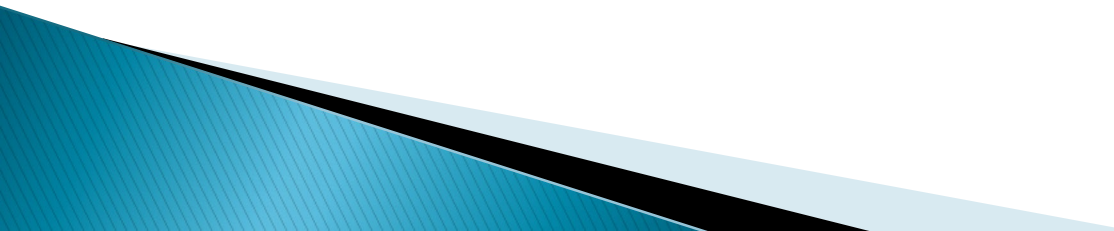
Old and New Patriarchy

- Old patriarchy – premodern history of male domination in private and public sphere.
- Gender based violence in premodern times – women as the property, lower value human beings, violence self-understandable and considered as a private matter.
- Old patrirchal matrix has been kept on also in modern and contemporary times, but as counter-posed with elements of emancipation in both private and public sphere.
- New patriarchy – with changed manifestations of humilation and misogyny – has emerged and become a specific phenomenon, related to globalization, tabloidization of media and public space, digitalization.
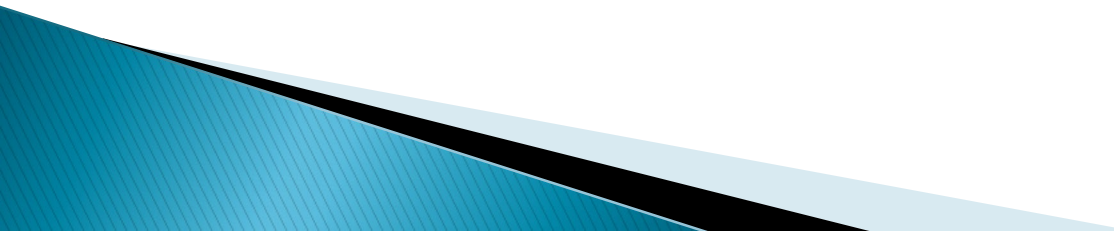
Dialectic of Patriarchy and Emancipation

- Dialectic of patriarchy (old and/or new) and emancipation has been currently on agenda in each indvidual, society, each family, each public domain, each culture….

- Processes of emancipation in the spheres of international law, education, work, politics, social security brought with themselves significant progress in articulating and affirming women`s human rights and gender equality.

- However, everywhere and always again they have been in an interplay with manifestations of (old and new) patriarchy.

Dialectic of Patriarchy and Emancipation as a New Source of Violence

- Causes of gender-based violence can be linked either to mutual struggling between old and new manifestations of the patriarchal code, or to mutual conflict between old/new patriarchy and emancipation.

- Crossroad and outburst of these conflictual tendencies expressed among individuals, and in relations between individuals and social groups have become additional sources of gender-based violence and its rising trends and manifestations.

Counterposed Trends of Diminishing and Rising Gender-based Violence

- Gender based violence has become legally banned in many countries and regions. Mechanisms of prevention, protection and sanctioning have been in progress.
- However, inner struggle of inherently violent patriarchal set up either old or new, on one hand, and emancipatory tendencies, on another, has become the new source of rising trends of violence, misogyny and femicide.
- Mutual facing and counter-posing of old and/or new patriarchy in cultural, religious affiliations and systems of values, on one hand, and emancipatory mindsets, on another among partners, parents and their children, within family and/or public spheres of work, politics, media,…. have become additional/new sources of gender-based violence.

Rise of Gender-based Violence

- Two sources and explanations
- It has become a public matter and legally sanctioned phenomenon, insofar victims are empowered to announce gender based violence in private sphere and to struggle with legal means against it in the sphere of work, politics, media…
- Real rise of gender based violence because of the mentioned clashes between individuals still devoted to traditional codes and the others devoted to new emancipatory systems of values and mindsets.
- Clashes of civilzations expressed within gender issues.