



Legal Clinic within the LAWGEM project

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Aim of the course Legal clinic 3 ECTS

The course aims to offer the students necessary training and resources to put their theoretical knowledge gained during the program into practice.

Thus, the course aims to engage students with the actual work of real cases under the supervision of law and gender professors at the clinic.

This course is designed for students with and without law background.

How would you strive to develop the role of legal clinic in higher education/academia?

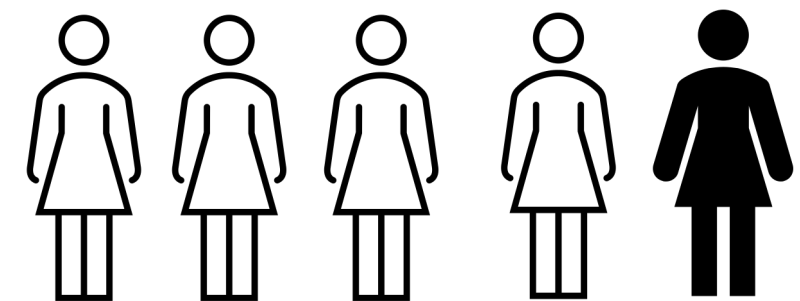
- We aim to start a course on Stalking for 7,5 ECTS or similar
- The Legal clinic is the main part of the course
- Create a helpline for victims and professionals working with victims and/or stalkers or other types of violent offenders
- The aim of the course would be to train volunteer's
- Students from different disciplines
- Not only legal aid

Stalking definition

An unwanted and repeated communication, contact or other behaviour with the intention, or without any concern of, cause fear for the victims, or those who are close to them, safety. (SAM: Kropp, Hart & Lyon, 2008)

Prevalence rates between 9% to 20% in English speaking countries.

1 in 5 women in Europe have experienced stalking



Recidivism rates ranges from 9% to 56%

References: ABS, 2006; BRÅ, 2006; Bendlin et al., 2020; Budd & Matinsson, 2000; Dressing, Finney, 2006; Kuehner & Gass, 2005; Eige, 2014; Eke et al., 2011; Fedina et al., 2020; Purcell et al., 2002; Matos et al., 2019; Mohandie et al., 2006; Rosenfeld & Harmon, 2002; Stieger, Burger & Schild, 2008; Strand 2018

What characterize a stalker?

- **Obsessive**
 - The cause is one of the most important things for the stalker
 - In some cases the cause is the only thing that matters in life
- **Repeated attempts to contact victims**
 - By definition “serial criminal”
- **Justifying their actions**
 - They have a “right” to pursue their cause
 - a sense of entitlement
- **Intruding upon the victim**
 - The stalker is more important than the victim

Is stalking always a criminal act?

CRIME	Violence	Threats	Harassment
IRL (?)	Sending flowers	Coincidental meetings	Waiting outside victims work
Online (?)	Follow on social media	Find my "friend" - app	Texting

Challenges and opportunities

- Broader perspective can help more victims
- Not only law students can take the class
- Increased awareness between professionals on their work
- Increases cooperation
- Help victims of stalking with more than legal aid

Thank you for your attention!

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