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Gender based-violence at Universities (2006-2008)

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Violence against women is also happening at universities. This postdoctoral research has examined **main contributions of scientific literature on international research about gender based violence at universities** and its **impact on lifelong learning projects of women**. Further phases are focused on analysing policies at UK, Spain and at the European Commission level, and on studying good practices in UK universities.

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1. Violence Against Women
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3. Social and educational inclusion

Research Links:

CREA Women's Group: SAFO
(University of Barcelona, Spain):
http://www.pcb.ub.es/crea/en/gdona_en.htm. Its main research lines are:

- Gender violence & Preventive Socialisation of violence against women.
- "Other women" & Interculturalism
- Overcoming the hegemonic model of masculinity

Other research topics on my research profile:

- Gender and cultural inequalities on education.
- Romani women and feminism.

Key Findings (from the lit. review)

- Existence of constraints and barriers at universities which hinder attempts of breaking the silence and provoke under-reporting.
- Hostile reactions from institutions or lack of support when women denounce.
- Existence of dynamics, contexts and social interactions at universities related to beliefs and attitudes linked with gender based violence.
- Harmful effects and negative impacts of sexual harassment on women and on their perceptions of the academia and of the academic staff.
- Repercussion on the academic and professional choices women academic make.
- Recommendations for change:
 - 0 Tolerance to Sexual Harassment at universities.
 - Preventive socialisation and effective educational interventions.
 - Solidarity amongst women.
 - More research and evaluation on the impact of sexual harassment policies implemented at universities.