



## 2017-2019 Participant Abstract

**Discovering the relationship between hegemonic masculinity and violence against gay men in the public spheres in Egypt.**

**Abstract**

*There are pervasive patterns of gender based violence against gay men within society. This paper provides a general description of the nature of violence against gay men in public spheres in Egypt. It discovers the relationship between hegemonic masculinity and violence against gay men. The research uses the results of MENA Region surveys and reports, and discusses gender differences in types and hegemonic masculinities. Qualitative data analysis may validate this relationship based on participants' answers. The research examines anti-gay violence and harassment in public spheres as the home, schools, college and university campuses. The paper would expose the tendency in anti-gay violence and the possible relationship between such violence and increasing awareness about masculinities and gender norms. It may also show the limitations of existing data and the need for greater attention to the issue.*