

LAW 2023
GENDER
& SOCIETY
Class Zine



This zine was co-created in an end-of-year zine making seminar by students in the 22/23 Law, Gender, and Society course. Drawing on the rich feminist and queer history of zines as a medium for expression, students formed groups of 2-3 to put together pages for inclusion in this zine. The pages they created not only drew on the subjects they encountered during the course but the feelings of anger, disgust, hope, and solidarity that these topics gave rise to. The pages also reflect reflections and emotions beyond the course content - covering their experiences of being students, feminists, and women within and beyond the university.

Would've, could've, should've
- Taylor Swift

WAP-Cardi B + M.T.S

Anxiety Megan Stalton

God is a woman

Ariana Grande

Respect
- Aretha Franklin

Dancing queen ABBA



"My mum called up the police and said, 'Does my daughter have to be in a pool of blood before you take her seriously?'"



IDGAF-Dua Lipa

Pretty hurts Beyonce

Peng Black girls (Remix)
- Enny & Jorja Smith

Who runs the world? ...

GIRLS

- Beyonce



MUSIC FOR ~~PSYCHEDELIC~~ THERAPY
FEMINIST!!!



I don't know why people are so reluctant to say they're feminists. But how could it be any more obvious that we still live in a patriarchal world when feminism is a bad word? - Ellen Page

STOP

MY BODY MY CHOICE

FIX THE SYSTEM NOT THE WOMEN

I HATE GENDER ROLES

I am not free while any woman is unfree even when her

SHACKLES are very different from my own - Audrey Lord

men are afraid women will laugh at them women are afraid men will kill them - Margaret Atwood

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

The domestic abuse report you need to read

dangers of

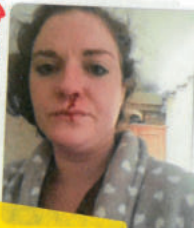
RECLAIM THE NIGHT

"Many trans people say they rarely feel safe in public"

entire fucking SYSTEM

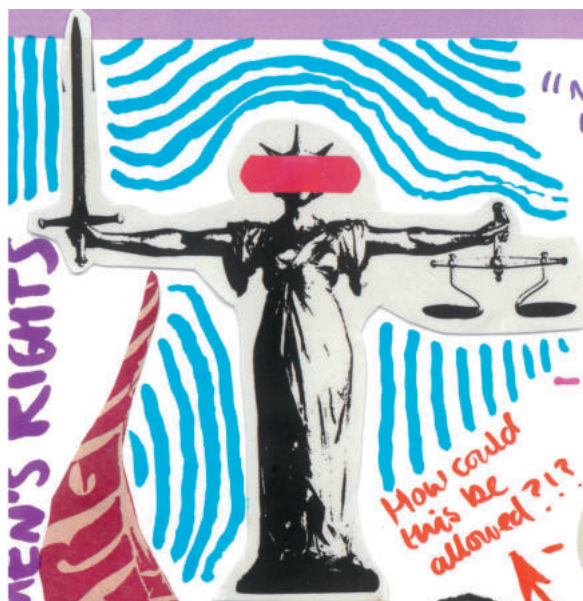


Simone de Beauvoir
ONE'S NOT BORN A WOMAN BUT RATHER BECOMES A WOMAN



Emily during her abusive relationship and now

PROTECT WOMEN'S RIGHTS



"Now what peculiarly signalizes the situation of the woman is that she - a free and autonomous being like all human creatures - nevertheless finds herself living in a world where men compel her to assume the status of the Other."

- Simone de Beauvoir

How could this be allowed???

Outraged



"How can a relationship be genuine when it is based on a massive web of lies? He pretended to be a man with noble ideals and political convictions, when in reality he was a police officer spying on our friendship network."

↳ Belinda DEEP DECEPTION

police NEED to be held accountable!

RAPE CULTURE

↳ horrific in UK unis

- 2010 NUS Report → 68% of students experience verbal or physical sexual harassment
- Everyone's Invited website ↳ 15,000 anonymous reports of sexual harassment



WOMEN UNITE!!!



The Telegraph

M A L E V



Business Opinion

ot out 'bad apples' as of
se claims

Can run alongs
Criminal Case

End violence against wo

a complete failure to protect them from vio
Masha Amini in Iran by 'morality p
the harrowing ne

general damages
can be awarded

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limitation period
of 3 years to
commence proceedings



by the Supreme Court stating more than 600

'STUBBINGS' V WHBB

Sara

VIOLENCE

MARCH FOR OUR RIGHTS

the murder of Sarah Everard;
the policing of the Sarah Everard vigil in Clapham Common;
the murders of Bibaa Henry and Nicole Smallman

COLLINS V WILCOX

Charing Cross: Met Police

Intersects with human Rights issues allowing victims to bring claims against the police

side
ses

er woman
age

CARE

against women is about so
an toxic masculinity

Conduct (IOPC) report into the behaviour
Charing Cross police
The resignation of Met Police

Solace women's aid

Met Police: Misogyny
bullying, sex harassment

1 February 2022

racism in a police unit

NEW
SCOTLAND

in Everard's murder



WOMEN'S EQUALITY

JUDGES

Direct action

The secret to getting things done
'act,' wrote the Italian poet Dante
Alighieri – a simple message, but one

Statistical evidence that the Hague
convention is outdated and in
desperate need of reform

Legislators

The Hague convention
defences for left-behind
parents

Woah.

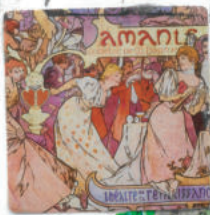
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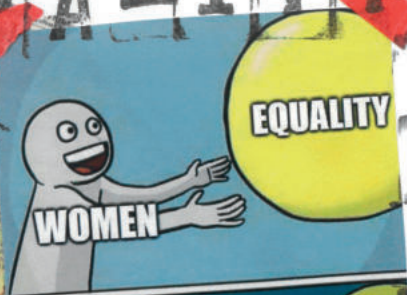
'Prostitutes As

EQUALITY

Y T I I A Q E



But I think that God's
Got a sick sense of humor
And when I die
I expect to find Him laughing



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ut

Women Dying

THIS IS FINE.



Judges

I wanna walk through an alley at night
Without making a knife with a key
Like, "Oh my God, it's safe to be me"

Everything
evil in
this world

Prostitutes

Where to find casual sex*

*the most likely places, according to the sex survey

ask for Violence



Judges

They're the same picture.

WHY WE HATE MEN!

'I was shocked. This man works for the secretary of state for equality between men and women... it seems outrageous that he's more concerned about censoring a feminist book.'

She was asking
for it

WIN RESPECT

'90% of French women
had been victims
of sexual harassment
on public transport'

don't care
about women's
issues

'most cultures have a
principle aim of controlling
women'

don't get
spiked

21% of women have
experienced some
form of sexual harassment.

don't wear
that!

'What did you expect
to happen to you
when you look like
that'

'One in seven female
respondents had experienced
serious physical or sexual
assault'



the [redacted] of physical harm [redacted] the physical abuse

the child was present [redacted]

injury [redacted] existed [redacted]

unacceptable [redacted]

Put another way, her murder was characterized as a natural by-product of the space and thus of the context in which it occurred, an event that is routine when the bodies in question are Aboriginal. This narrative of violence is sustained by the legal idea of contract, an agreement

Because she consented to provide sexual service [redacted] violence to [redacted]

is contained within the moment of the contract and [redacted] on her choice and the historical conditions under which [redacted] the contract, during the trial, Pamela George remained simply the "Indian." In the absence of

details about George's life and critical scrutiny of the details of the lives of the subject positions remained uninterrogated. Thus, not only did George remain the "hooker" but Lemowetsky and

Kummerfeld remained boys who "did pretty darn stupid things"; their respective spaces, the places of white respectability and the Stroll simply stood in opposition to each other, dehistoricized and decontextualized. If

Pamela George was a victim of violence, it was simply because she was of the Stroll/reserve, Aboriginal, and engaging in prostitution. No one could then be really held accountable for her death, at least not to the extent that

there would have been accountability had she been of spaces within the domain of justice

hypocrite.

I "Blake" [redacted]

FEMALE

AUDACITY



AND



Where do you
see yourself in
five years?

pe

**When it's
a pattern,
it's abuse.**

As far the f*ck
away from you
as possible.

EMPOWERED

MALE



ANGER

periods

THAT'S TERRIBLE
FOR YOU...
NEVERMIND



CONTROL YOURSELF !!!!!!



I CAN DO
THIS... AND THIS
... AND THIS





Can I get protection?



YES,
you can get
PAPER!



Will THAT
WORK?



NO

DIPLOMACY > LIVE?

Can I run
away?



YES



To save my
KIDS?

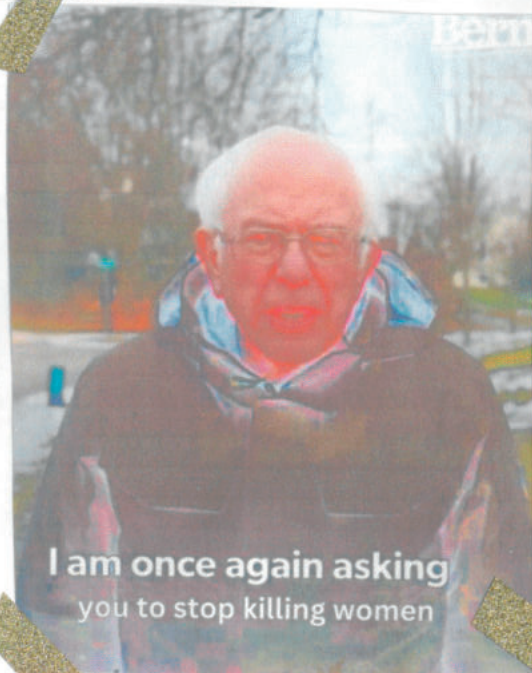
NO



Remember: He
Can't Kill you
if you're
behind bars,
Ladies!

Gents, you may get
confused because
they start with the
same letter but marriage
≠ murder

Women are not
adequately
protected in law
neither are they
able to seek
adequate justice



I am once again asking
you to stop killing women

legislators, and the courts

That sign won't stop me,
because I can't read!

Tackling the fact that
two women a week are
killed by current or ex
partners

legislators



legislators

Punishing these
women when they flee
with their children for
their lives

30-10-11

W O m E N

WHAT YOU



RESPECT

All I'm askin' is for
a little respect when
you get home
(Just a little bit) hey, baby
(Just a little bit) when you
get home
(Just a little bit) mister
(Just a little bit)

- ARETHA FRANKLIN

sex

and

the

CITY

...

PATRIARCH



'Marriage is the only actual BONDAGE known
our law. There remain no legal slaves except
the mistress of every house' - J.S. Mill

angered

men

ARE

T DOESN'T KILL
U MAKES YOU
STRONGER!

masculinity and
misogyny



bare skin?



own to
except
u

I'M NOT EVEN
THAT MAD!!

~~heroes~~

FEMALE RAGE

is all the rage. We're walking outside with our swords and shields ready for war. We're together, **UNITED** by our experiences and **OUR** pain.

The **feelings** we were told to put down. Under the skin, our blood boils... Boils with red-hot rage That infiltrates their very minds. The rage they told us to hide away and put into caring. Into being **MOTHER WIFE**. **BUT NOW** we're taking

that back. We're moving on our own terms. Not waiting for a 'yes' for approval. The **RAGE** that has been welling up is now free. Free like a caged bird. **FREE**

to meld those emotions into art **AND**

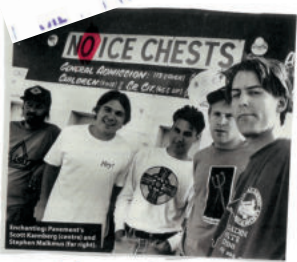
COMMUNITY KILLING

THE

PATRIARCHY



IT'S RUDE ^{or RIGHT} TO **stare.**
 Unless you're looking at Sally Richie, in which case it's necessary.



DILEMMA.



→ only 13% of women in the private sector have paid maternity leave.
 → 25% of women back to work after 2 weeks at giving birth.

WORK VS FAMILY.



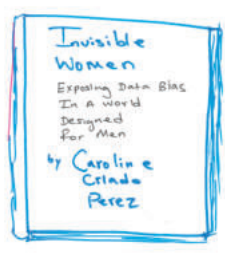
Men Should only wear **PINK**



Handwritten text: 'New Power Generation' and '100%'.



Book Recommendation



VIOLENCE

→ 61,158 cases of rape offences was reported in 2021.

→ "Rape Crisis" reported that 1 in 4 women was being raped or sexually abused.

→ The Crime Survey for England and Wales estimated that 1 of 5 adults in UK had experienced domestic abuse since the age of 16.
 → In 2022, the CPS reported a 71.2% change rate in domestic abuse cases in the UK.



The course was structured so that different academics each took two lectures and a seminar on a topic related to their own research on law and gender. This not only meant that topics covered were often confronting but there wasn't the standard continuity in who the students had as a weekly teacher/tutor. Because of this, the whole class co-wrote a 'classroom agreement' in the first lecture about how expectations they had of each other and the teaching team.

This classroom agreement was treated as a living document that was revisited at different times of the year; allowing for proposals of amendments or clarifications based on how the classes had been running.

In the zine making session, students were encouraged to write any reflective comments they had about the classroom agreement.

Law, Gender and Society Class Agreement

Our hope is that class discussions allow us to gaining understanding of, and learning from, everyone's different perspectives. To facilitate this aim, we agree to:

	Students	Tutors
Prior to class	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Be proactive with reading and formulate our own opinions based on knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Provide seminar material 2 weeks in advanceProvide lecture information 1 week in advanceUpload PowerPoint 24 hours in advance
Come to class	<ul style="list-style-type: none">With an open mind to different points of viewA willingness to change one's opinionWith a recognition that not everyone will agreeWithout the intent to impose our point of view	
In respect of participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Actively work on one's own confidence and willingness to contribute to the discussionBe mindful towards giving everyone equal opportunity to speak	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Commit to fostering a space where everyone's contributions are valued
During discussions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Actively listen ✓Not interrupt others while talking ✓Be mindful of body language and toneAsk follow-up questionsValidate people's perspectives and experiences ✓Recognise the sensitivity of discussion topics ✓Not personally attack others ✓Considering the impact of our words on othersShow each other empathy and respecting boundaries	<p>I have seen social media posts by the module leader that made me uncomfortable and made me feel less comfortable to share my views. I think it is contradicting to have a module leader on law, GENDER and society to have controversial views on transgender people.</p>

so important
if we are
expected to
meet
deadlines
and attend
seminars

→ Is it possible for module leaders to communicate about summative and formative deadlines. It is often seen that all works are packed in a week and it is hard for students to finish ~~assignments~~ a few assignments at the same time.

- I agree & validate SO many difficulties especially as this is a law with her two business studies and
→ I also agree
- if this was a student something would be done, why is this different!!

"keeping your finances under control is vital to enjoying your time at university. Find out how to manage your money as a student."

privilege

"We are a globally outstanding teaching and research institution."

£ WHERE
THE FUCK
DOES OUR
MONEY
GO?

"Students feel like it's either pointless or like things won't be taken on board"

"I've had to fight for support"

STRIKES

Just 61% of the new cohort was state-school educated.



ALLY TRINI, CHAMEKINE HEALBY
AND LUCY HILDRETH

"As a Durham Student, you'll find a wide support network available to you while studying at university. Our aim is for you to feel well, comfortable, and able to get the most out of all aspects of your university experience."

standing centre of excellence

welfare?

have i told you about the posh lads competing on f*cking the poorest girl?

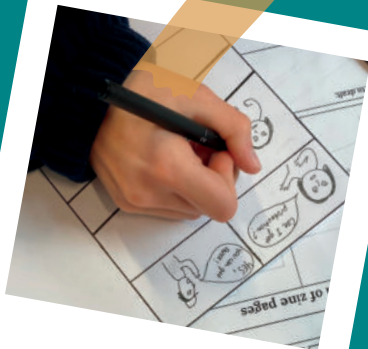
Gender and Society

Student anger

“It's becoming extremely stressful to find something suitable with increased costs and now moving into exam season”

Are You Boring, Or Just poor?

I'm not racist, I just accidentally said a racial slur"



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It has been amazing to gain a deeper understanding of the connection between the law and gender, and the implications of this on society more broadly! :)

A course named law, gender and society shouldn't be taught by TERFS

There are so many complex issues and overlapping hardships but there could be a way out.

Seminars can be more interactive and fun -
Thanks for a great last seminar ☺

Thank you for getting me to (finally) read Audrey Horde

It has been so empowering discussing feminism issues with people that understand.

It's been really eye-opening and cathartic. Very glad to have met so many lovely ladies fighting for similar causes! :)

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I enjoyed being part of a researched module. It was an enriching experience to be part of the law school's passionate team of individual research initiatives. As a woman I learned more about feminism, and it makes me feel more empowered because I ~~was~~ not only have a superficial idea but a deep dive into different topics within law and gender. Thank you to the team at Durham Law School.

It is a great opportunity to learn different issues related to gender and women. A tragedy that all of the students taking this module are female and no males seems to be interested about the life of women. Girls help girls. ♥

A new, untold perspective on the law that everyone should have to learn.

I love working with other women. It is empowering, encouraging, and brings us together.

It been such an interesting and informative module which has included so many important feminist issues. It's also been really interesting to be a part of a research module.

It has been really good at raising awareness about issues that are never spoken about. These problems will stay with me so I can spread awareness

Community is encouraging. Working in the seminars has been so eye-opening ☺

The fight for women's rights is not over ... it's just beginning.

Interesting course, discouraging administration.

the legal remedies aren't as effective as they may seem, but developments in the future are promising

There is a sense of hope if we work towards increased awareness and in turn, progression