Gender equality

SEMINARS

in International Relations

Upholding rights, preventing violence:

an international perspective on sexual and reproductive health



20th of october, 2026
13.00-15.00 h

22nd of october, 2026
11.00-13.00 h

Room 2
International Relations classroom
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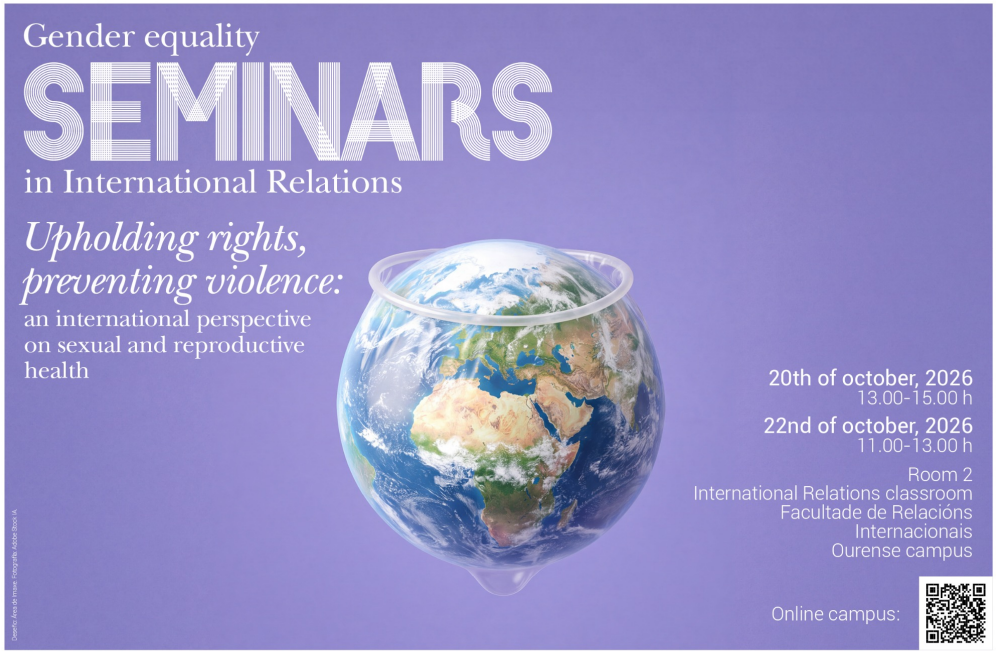
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INTRODUCTION

Sexual and reproductive health is an essential component of the fundamental human right to health and overall well-being. Sexual and gender-based violence poses one of the most serious and persistent threats to the exercise of these rights worldwide. Such violence crosses borders and has profound social, political, economic, legal and humanitarian implications. Sexual violence is neither an isolated nor a local phenomenon: it is rooted in structures of gender inequality that are reproduced across all countries and contexts. Without a gender perspective, sexual violence remains overlooked and is treated as a secondary issue, even though it affects the stability, security and development of all societies. Understanding its structural dimension will enable students of International Relations, as well as anyone interested in these issues, to analyse how power operates within the international system and how global dynamics can reinforce or mitigate such violence.

OBJECTIVES

- To understand the foundations of sexual and reproductive health from a comprehensive perspective, recognising it as an essential component of well-being and the exercise of human rights.
- To analyse sexual and gender-based violence as a global public health problem, identifying its structural causes, its different manifestations and its impact on physical, mental, sexual and reproductive health.
- To develop critical awareness for addressing sexual and gender-based violence through scientific evidence and human rights frameworks applicable across different cultural contexts.

ORGANISED BY: Gender Equality Unit. Faculty of International Relations.

Tuesday 20 October 2026

12:30–13:00 Opening ceremony
Laura Carballo, Dean of the Faculty of International Relations
María Lameiras Fernández, Gender Equality Liaison for the Faculty of International Relations and Seminar Coordinator

13:00–14:00 Lecture: A global perspective on HIV and sexual and reproductive health: where are we now?"
Speaker: Anna Mia Ekström, leader of the Global & Sexual Health (GloSH) research group, Karolinska Institutet, Sweden.

14:00–15:00 Lecture: Sexual consent among young people: communication, desire and power.
Speaker: Mariano Salazar, Principal Researcher, Department of Global Public Health, Karolinska Institutet, Sweden.

Thursday 22 October 2026

11:00–12:00 Lecture: From the Pelicot case to the international response to a structural problem.
Speaker: Concepción Gimeno Presa, Associate Professor of Philosophy of Law, University of León, Spain.

12:00–13:00 Lecture: Well-being and sexual health among girls and adolescents in Mexico: eradicating gender-based violence and the injustice of femicide in Juárez.
Speaker: Alfredo Limas Hernández, Associate Professor of Gender Studies, Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez, Mexico.

13:00: Closing ceremony