

Key Note 2 (15:45-16:30)

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Språk: Engelsk

Tittel: The social borderland of sexual transgression: Reported rapes in Denmark in a sociological perspective

Abstract: The presentation outlines research based on 95 readings of filed police cases on rape in Denmark. The presentation will highlight the general patterns of the research and interpret these in the light of cultural and sociological paradoxes that are imbedded in late modernity: urbanity, gender play, transactional sex, mobility and telemedias. Taking the point of departure in one single case of police reported rape, the complex interplay between victim and offender will be unfolded. The case will highlight that men with non-Western background who are overrepresented in the case material tend to be uncertain about the rules of a gender game based on equal rights and the girl's right to say no to sex at any time. Further, the single case analysis highlights how girls - below 20 years of age from a social vulnerable background - are stigmatized as sexually promiscuous hence vulnerable to sexual violence. The results of the research illustrates that both men with non-Western background and young women from a social vulnerable background are overrepresented in the case material of rape, pointing to the difficult positions and negotiations in the borderland of cultural legitimate identities of femininity and masculinity.

Finally the presentation will highlight research topics in the field of sexual violence that would benefit from further research. Likewise the presentation will suggest particular areas of attention for sexual crime prevention.