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Sexual Victimisation and Justice: A Discussion of Ways Forward

My paper presents a model of sexual victimisation and justice with three components: justice mechanisms, victimisation contexts, and victims’ experiences with justice. It reflects my interests to move across the fields of domestic and international criminal justice, to understand diverse contexts of violence, and to consider the ways in which context matters for justice, from a victim/survivor’s perspective. I wish to broaden the meanings of ‘justice’ for victims by identifying a wide range of justice mechanisms, both in law and civil society, and to devise a robust way to assess and compare them.

For justice mechanisms, we need to move beyond caricatured and oppositional depictions of retributive and restorative justice. Justice mechanisms are better viewed as residing on a continuum from conventional to innovative and as taking hybrid forms. For victimisation contexts, we should have varied country and offending-victimisation contexts in mind. This means a focus not only on individual contexts of violence, but also on organisational, institutional, and collective contexts. For research on victim/survivor’s experiences, we need to move beyond ‘satisfaction’ as the measure of justice. I introduce the construct of victims’ justice interests, which can be used to assess and compare conventional and innovative justice responses to sexual victimisation, and to engage in a normative discussion about the standing and interests of victims in justice activities.

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