TOWARD AN INTEGRATED APPROACH IN RESEARCH ON INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE
Conceptual and methodological challenges

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Historically, research concerning interpersonal violence has, to a large extent, been conducted in isolation from each other in fields of, for example, childhood abuse, intimate partner violence and sexual violence. Recently, there has been a growing understanding that different kinds of violence are interrelated. In this thesis, the co-occurrence of violence among men and women in Sweden was investigated. More than every third female and almost every fourth male victim reported having been victimized by more than one kind of perpetrator (family member, partner and/or acquaintance/stranger). Almost half of female and almost every third male victim reported experiences of more than one kind of violent behavior (emotional, physical, sexual).

To gain a better understanding of what violence entails for victims, how victims can best be helped and how violence can be prevented, there is a need to move toward an integrated approach in research on interpersonal violence, considering the gendered nature of violence as well as the co-occurrence of violence.