

Memorialization, Remembrance and Acts of Commemoration

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Experience of violence

- Experience of (extreme) defencelessness and vulnerability

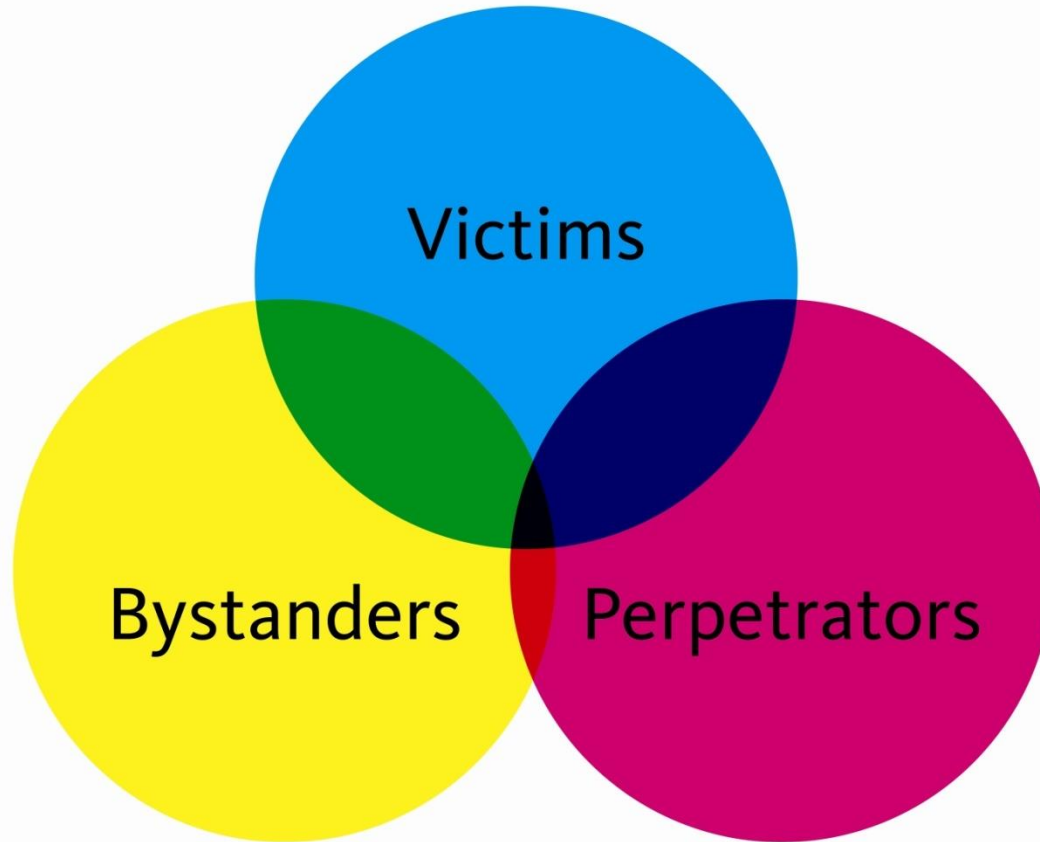
Existential shock

=> traumatization

=> emotions of humiliation, shame, loss of face

- Deep irritation of the relationship to others

Who is involved?



Reactions on the experience of violence

- Existential need for „understanding“ the threatening events
- Development of interpretations schemes and narratives
- Due to different roles in the process of violence arises a net of conflicting interpretations
=> reflects the structure of relationships left after the acts of violence

Interpretations and narratives

- Orientation
- Restoration of relative trust in social and personal relationships
- Regaining language and communicative skills

Obstacles

- Fear
- Shame
- Rejection
- Akward self-related discourses

Memory and remembrance

- Remembrance can play a constructive role in dealing with conflictive memories
 - => Solidarity with the victims
 - => differentiated dealing with the perpetrators
 - => Culture of dialogue
 - => multi-perspective approach

