

The dark side of men. Male violence against women: cultural models of intervention.

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The **third edition** of the volume, accompanied by a map updated as of 2017 of the Centres dealing with the perpetrators of mistreatments and violence, is available in bookshops.

The volume, curated by LeNove studies and social researches, reached its third edition thanks to the considerable interest encountered. Indeed, it is the only volume, in Italy, to provide a comprehensive overview of the **Centres addressed to the perpetrators of violence**, part of a system aimed at preventing and combating gender violence. Recent years have seen an increase of such centres, accompanied, at an institutional level, by the strategy declared by the Convention of Istanbul and the statements enshrined in Law 119/2013, the so called “Legge sul femminicidio” (“law on femicide”). At a cultural and social level, it is now broadly recognized the idea that violence against women is first of all a problem concerning men and the focus needs to be shifted from the victims to the perpetrators.

The reconstruction of the private and public practises is accompanied by a comparative look to the most important models regularly used by other European states and by the Anglo-Saxon world. Furthermore, some important considerations and in-depth analysis are carried out through the different disciplinary approaches of the authors working “on the field”, all of them sharing the idea that the root causes of violence can be found in the “traditional” symbolic representations of male and female identity facing social change paths and redefinition of gender relations.

In the appendix, the **third census of the Centres** addressed to men that perpetrate violence show their diffusion as of 2017, their uneven and spotty distribution, higher in the north and in the centre but slightly increasing also in the south of the country. It also analyses their creation, either on the initiative of the social private sector or of the public healthcare structures and their different functioning modes. The map is completed by a complete list of the Centres operating in each Region.