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#### **Presentation:**

The concept of masculinity, or masculinities, is not a static concept, and is constantly evolving, referring to the various forms in which masculinity is socially defined through historical and

cultural contexts, as well as the differences in power that exist between the different versions of masculinity.

However, it is the consequence of the historically rigid and hegemonic definition of masculinity that have led to new approaches and proposals for its re-definition in recent years.

The initial analyses on masculinities had as a central object the criticism of the rigid structures of patriarchal power, problematizing this social construction as the source of oppression, an obstacle to women's freedom of choice and emancipation. As the field of research has expanded, however, so have the perspectives: they have moved from focusing exclusively on oppression and violence against women to recognizing the negative effects that the social construction of patriarchal masculinity also has on men. They have also included intersectional components, recognizing that there is a deeply rooted hierarchy of male privilege in terms of race, class, nationality, sexual orientation, etc.

These approaches marked a turning point in the struggle for gender equality, from considering men only as aggressors and/or being in a field diametrically opposed to that of women, to considering men as allies who can also be harmed by rigid gender roles without, however, forgetting the privileges still displayed by the male sex.

It is important to consider how the construction of masculinities varies across different cultures and geopolitical boundaries, and to see how these differences are reflected in global research and public policy. While in the South the prevention of gender-based violence has, for a time, been about transforming male attitudes towards sexual and reproductive health, in the North the priority has been to promote and change public policies on paternity leave, promoting care and nonviolence.

More recent research over the past two decades has reaffirmed the multiplicity and malleability of masculinities both in time and space. Efforts to understand this social construction, and to recognize its pressures and consequences, which are manifested in both men's and women's lives, are crucial.

Today, in a context of global crisis, the centrality of the study of masculinities and their transformations for a comprehensive and rigorous understanding of the gender impacts of the crisis is evident. This is even more so if we analyze how attitudes, practices and political decisions legitimated by patriarchal understandings about masculinities have recently affected the world, with expressions visible today.

The central objective of this thematic dossier is to gather the main experiences, proposals and debates on the work of transformation of masculinities from an interdisciplinary feminist perspective and from the perspective and experiences of women researchers and activists (from the North and from the South) ) in the following topics, among others possible:

### - Youth and masculinities: non-violent trajectories

- Fatherhood and Care
- Prevention of gender-based violence
- Culture, art, performativity, and masculinities
- Media and masculinities
- Public policies and masculinities
- Men and Feminism
- Masculinity Studies

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