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**Taking Stock: Femicide Initiative**

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**Relevant Research**

The book produced by Walby and colleagues, [*The concept and measurement of violence against women and men,*](https://openaccess.city.ac.uk/id/eprint/21685/) is a measurement framework on violence, which is relevant to femicide. It includes a section on femicide. The book identifies five gender dimensions of all forms of violence that ideally would be captured in measurement systems:

* sex of the victim
* sex of perpetrator
* relationship between victim and perpetrator (domestic [intimate partner and other family member]; acquaintance; and stranger)
* sexual aspect
* gender motivation

The book is freely available for download by clicking on the link below.

Walby, S., Towers, J., Balderston, S., Corradi, C., Francis, B. J., Heiskanen, M., Helweg-Larsen, K., Mergaert, L., Olive, P., Palmer, C. E., Stockl, H. and Strid, S. (2017). [*The concept and measurement of violence against women and men.*](https://openaccess.city.ac.uk/id/eprint/21685/) Bristol: Policy Press. ISBN 978-1-4473-3263-3.

Further research and publications on femicide are in progress.