

CREATING SAFER SPACES:
ADDRESSING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN THE PUBLIC SPHERE THROUGH
TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE

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Gender-based violence (GBV) in the public sphere and how to deal with it, represents a problem for society as a whole. While conventional approaches to addressing GBV have focused on punitive measures and individual interventions, they often fail to address the systemic factors contributing to violence. This thesis explores the potential of transformative justice in addressing GBV in public spaces. The study investigates the prerequisites and possibilities of applying transformative justice principles to GBV interventions through semi-structured interviews. The findings emphasize considerations for transformative justice efforts, particularly the importance of empathy and emotional expression, advocacy to promote intersectional awareness, and community building efforts to prevent GBV. By examining the strengths and limitations of non-punitive approaches, this thesis aims to contribute to a broader dialogue on effective and equitable community responses to GBV, advocating for solutions that center the needs and empowerment of all affected individuals and communities.