

**Gender-Based Violence in Germany:
Public Harassment As a Representation of Patriarchy From a Human Rights
Perspective**

An Abstract of the Thesis by

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The thesis examines the prevalence and dynamics of gender-based violence (GBV) in public spaces in Germany from a human rights perspective. Employing an intersectional approach, it investigates how patriarchal structures and various forms of discrimination intersect to exacerbate the vulnerability of women* to GBV. The study delves into the effectiveness of legal frameworks and political measures, including international agreements like the Istanbul Convention, in addressing GBV in public spaces. The research utilized qualitative thematic analysis of the “Alternativbericht” by the “Bündnis Istanbul Konvention” (BIK) in order to understand the efficacy of current interventions and the role of societal attitudes in perpetuating GBV. Findings reveal that despite robust legal frameworks like the Istanbul Convention, structural, socio-economic barriers and persistent patriarchal norms hinder effective enforcement and prevention of GBV. The study underscores the need for comprehensive educational programs and community engagement initiatives to shift public perceptions and behaviors towards GBV. Recommendations focus on enhancing law enforcement, increasing civil society involvement, and implementing preventive measures to dismantle patriarchal structures, aiming for a holistic approach to eradicating GBV.