

“conTakt” - counselling centre for sexualized discrimination and violence issues

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ABSTRACT

Did you know that at least every second person experiences some sort of sexualized discrimination or harassment at work? And did you know that universities provide an environment that favours these kinds of experiences despite their reputation as philanthropic, educated institutions?

A survey from 2012 at many European universities, including the University of Oldenburg, shows similar numbers for most universities: more than 50% of female students were affected by sexualized discrimination and/or violence (SDV). The numbers are just as high for female employees and LGBTQI+ people. In addition, there is a significant amount of men experiencing SDV. Recent studies confirm this picture.

Established to counter these effects, conTakt is the University of Oldenburg's counselling centre for SDV victims. It carries out preventive work and provides support to those affected as well as supporters.

Here,, conTakt will present its work, provide information about the different aspects of SDV and provide advice to people who experience or witness sexualized harassment. We will also present aspects of preventive work as this is the most effective tool to help victims, but also to help the university live up to the reputation of a philanthropic and open institution.

This lecture is part of the series **Gender & Diversity in STEM and Medicine** hosted by equal opportunities officers of Faculty V and VI (more information [here](#))

