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INTRODUCTION

The sexual politics informing male-female relationships and hindering male wellbeing are the topics of issue one of *New Male Studies: An International Journal* for 2023. The six contributors offer refereed scholarly articles and analysis and opinion pieces that examine male negotiations of social dominance and of both sexes' currency in terms of love and respect; that critique the absence of positive male role models and the neglect of male suicide victims; and that investigate the impact of feminist men and gynocentrism on society.

The first of two refereed articles in this issue, Steven Moxon's "Hierarchy is Male-Specific: It is Not Bi-(Inter-)Sexual or Female," argues that "dominance hierarchy (DH) is never bi-(inter-)sexual," that "rare ostensible female dominance (over males) is not even amenable to modelling, and actually is male non-engagement in dominance terms (deference, not submission)." A justification for this argument is that "DH entails neuro-hormonally processing winner/loser effects, for which there is evidence only in males, and requires the Y chromosome's SRY gene."

Peter Wright's refereed article, "Gynocentrism as Narcissistic Pathology – Part Two," continues his survey that "compared gynocentric behaviours with those of grandiose narcissism" and which "revealed a significant overlap between gynocentrism and narcissism, indicating that gynocentrism is an expression of female narcissism in the context of heterosexual relationships and exchanges, and in women's self-evaluations." This article "confirms that gynocentrism is characterised by features of both grandiose and vulnerable narcissism and concludes that gynocentrism poses significant burdens for relationships and male partners."

In the first of four analysis-and-opinion pieces in this issue, "The Love/Respect Dynamic: As It Played out Historically," Tim Goldich argues, "It's time to put an end to this self-righteous gender-political contest for the coveted title of MVP (Most Victimized and Powerless)." Goldich begins "from the premise that It All Balances Out between Woman and Man (and it always has)"; he advocates for "equalism," which necessitates that "we view gender reality in terms of Male-Female equal

partnership, and we view gender issues in terms of shared responsibility.”

Cheryl Lacey’s first contribution to *New Male Studies*, “Where Have All the Men Gone?” observes, “many men of age and wisdom are labelled pale, male and stale.” Lacey insists “the world needs wise men” because “men understand humility, sacrifice, faith, loyalty, optimism, discipline and generosity” and because “they aren’t afraid of responsibility.” She concludes, “We need boys to learn and celebrate the honour of becoming a man.”

In “Summarising Feminist Men: Challenges and Impact on Masculinity in the Modern Era,” another first-time contributor to *New Male Studies*, Mathew Shaw, observes, “Some interpretations of feminism theorise that men are inherently oppressive and that women are always victims.” He argues that “feminist men sometimes adopt this attitude,” that “these men can adversely affect other men” because they “do not lend support to male issues.” Shaw warns, “A will to prioritise one sex over the other can have severe consequences for both men and women,” including “a fertile breeding space for the sex-shaming conversations among the sexes we are seeing today.”

Jerome Teelucksingh’s “Silent Statistics and the Silent Sufferers,” offers evidence of the harm done by the gynocentrism Shaw warns about: because of “a lack of statistics and the failure of governments to implement proper suicide prevention programs,” male suicide has become “a global crisis that demands greater attention.” Teelucksingh discusses “a depressing scenario that cannot help the silent sufferers among males.”

The opinions expressed by the authors in this issue do not necessarily reflect those of the Editorial Team. The articles published here are offered in a spirit of open, evidence-based dialogue regarding sex, gender, relationships, and issues related to the experience of males.

As always we appreciate the thoughtful work done by those who contributed to this issue.



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