Sexual violence and exploitation is a significant and serious ongoing social problem. With the evolution of advanced technologies, we are witnessing new and persistent challenges emerging in how we can best respond, prevent and address the significant harms caused by sexual violence, alongside modern mechanisms and outlets for “achieving justice” for victim-survivors. Despite the introduction of a variety of wide-ranging law reforms and extensive education campaigns, dissatisfaction with the criminal justice system in responding to sexual violence and disillusionment with ongoing, misguided social attitudes towards individuals experiencing these harms, has not abated.

This forum, facilitated by TV and radio broadcaster, and social connector and satirist, Libbi Gorr, brings together leading sexual violence and gender researchers, support advocates and practitioners, to reflect on the new and persistent challenges inherent to sexual violence and exploitation in a contemporary, technology-facilitated world.

Join us for light refreshments from 12pm, with the official proceedings to commence at 12:30pm (#crimhorizons).

Spaces are limited, so please RSVP for this free event at: https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/sexual-violence-new-and-persistent-challenges-tickets-22593630156

The Panel

Dr Nicola Henry, La Trobe University
Speaking on “Revenge Pornography”: The non-consensual distribution of intimate and sexual images, and comprehensive legal and non-legal responses to these harms

Dr Anastasia Powell, RMIT University
Speaking on Justice versus Vigilantism: Online justice forums for victim-survivors

Kelly Thomas, Maurice Blackburn Lawyers
Speaking on Sexual Harassment: The impacts of litigation on victims; how legal outcomes can act as a deterrent; and recent developments in the law – a win for workplace sexual harassment victims?

Patrick Tidmarsh, Victoria Police
Speaking on The “Whole Story Investigation Framework”: Challenges in investigating and prosecuting sexual violence offences

Carolyn Worth, South Eastern Centre Against Sexual Assault
Speaking on Restorative Justice for Sexual and Family Violence Victims: The importance of keeping restorative justice processes victim-driven; how this idea developed; and the current SECASA restorative justice trial project.

Attendees are invited (and strongly encouraged) to email questions for the panelists in advance of the event to: crimhorizons@gmail.com.

If you have any questions, please contact the event organiser Dr Asher Flynn at asher.flynn@monash.edu.