Violence against women seems to be part a never-ending story, or at least a continuous discourse from antiquity until today. How can we deal with these complex issues of representation vs reality, sex vs power and the present vs the past? In an attempt to approach the question from multidisciplinary angles, we bring together three scholars representing different disciplines and different perspectives: history, sociology and anthropology. The discussion, moderated by SRII deputy director Olof Heilo, will span from late antiquity and Christian martyrs to modern media exposure and the present situation in Sweden and Turkey.