

GLOBAL HEALTH FILM

WELCOME TO CHECHNYA

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES COMPILED
BY OUR VOLUNTEER TEAM

Scientific Publications

Scicchitano, D. (2019). [The “Real” Chechen Man: Conceptions of Religion, Nature, and Gender and the Persecution of Sexual Minorities in Postwar Chechnya](#), *Journal of Homosexuality*, DOI: 10.1080/00918369.2019.1701336

Article exploring the ways in which religious practice, imaginations of nature, and conceptions of gender have influenced Chechnya's current anti-LGBT climate.

Hopkinson RA, Keatley E, Glaeser E, Erickson-Schroth L, Fattal O, Nicholson Sullivan M. (2017). [Persecution Experiences and Mental Health of LGBT Asylum Seekers](#), *Journal of Homosexuality*, 64:12, 1650-1666, DOI: 10.1080/00918369.2016.1253392

Quantitative data were gathered regarding demographics, persecution histories, and mental health of 61 clients from a torture survivors program in New York City who reported persecution due to LGBT identity.

Piowarczyk, L., Fernandez, P. & Sharma, A. (2017). [Seeking Asylum: Challenges Faced by the LGB Community](#). *J Immigrant Minority Health* 19, 723–732

<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10903-016-0363-9>

A retrospective chart review was completed of patients self-identified as lesbian, gay, or bisexual seen through a program for survivors of torture. Highlights the traumatic histories of those fleeing persecution due to sexual orientation, and the medical, social, psychological, and legal implications of this.

Reports

[OSCE Rapporteur's Report under the Moscow Mechanism on alleged Human Rights Violations and Impunity in the Chechen Republic of the Russian Federation](#) (OSCE, 2018)

The Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) report on the alleged human rights violations in Chechnya, confirming “the major allegations and show that there is a problem of total impunity of the security forces.”

[Curbing deception - A world survey of legal restrictions of so-called ‘conversion therapies’](#) (ILGA,2020)

The International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association (ILGA) report exploring the vast field of techniques used to force our gender expressions and roles to align with the social binary stereotypes of masculinity and femininity, as well as strategies to restrict these harmful practices.

Global Health Film Festival 2020

Global Health Film

10 Queen Street Place London EC4R 1BE

www.globalhealthfilm.org

Registered Charity Number 1179829

Company number 10436509

GLOBAL HEALTH FILM

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
COMPILED BY OUR VOLUNTEER TEAM**

News Articles

[Two years of persecution of LGBT in Chechnya: a timeline](#) (Russian LGBT Network, 2019)

An article outlining the timeline of what has happened in Chechnya over the first two years.

[Russia: New Anti-Gay Crackdown in Chechnya](#) (Human Rights Watch, 2019)

The Human Rights Watch news article regarding the situation in Chechnya including interviews with four men that escaped Chechnya, detailing their personal experiences of detention, violence and persecution.

[Chechnya LGBT: Dozens 'detained in new gay purge](#) (BBC, 2019)

Provides an overview of the political situation in Chechnya, the reports by the Russian LGBT Network of the targeting of LGBT people in Chechnya and the Chechen government's response to the situation.

[LGBT persecution in Chechnya: Bisexual woman beaten, drugged and exorcised](#) (Sky News, 2020)

Article focuses on the experience of one bisexual woman who escaped Chechnya after years of physical abuse, conversion therapy by psychiatrists and religious healers, highlighting the particular difficulties women face in escaping the region.

['Any day you can be taken': Inside what it's like to be gay in Chechnya](#) (ABC News, 2019)

Overview of the situation in Chechnya by detailing the experience of one man who survived torture in Chechnya. Highlights the reality of being LGBT in Russia, the particular difficulties women face in escaping the situation and the lasting effects after escaping the situation.

Global Health Film Festival 2020

Global Health Film
10 Queen Street Place London EC4R 1BE

www.globalhealthfilm.org

Registered Charity Number 1179829

Company number 10436509

GLOBAL HEALTH FILM

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
COMPILED BY OUR VOLUNTEER TEAM**

Books

Beyond the Pink Curtain: Everyday Life of LGBT People in Eastern Europe (Roman Kuhar & Judit Takács, 2007)

Drawing on social scientific and empirical research, book contributors present the lived experiences of queers, still haunted by the metaphor of being locked behind the Iron Curtain.

Soviet and Post-Soviet Sexualities (Richard Mole, 2019)

The book tries to make sense of the paradox that while post-revolutionary Russia was one of the first to decriminalise same-sex acts between men, attitudes towards non-normative sexualities became increasingly hostile in the Soviet Union as well as in contemporary Russia and other post-Soviet countries.

Russian Homophobia from Stalin to Sochi (Dan Healey, 2018)

Drawing on his analysis of archival documentation, Dan Healey argues that the rise of homophobia in contemporary Russia should be attributed to specific political and ideological conditions rather than an imaginary 'Soviet mindset'.

Other

[Russian LGBT Network](#)

A non-governmental human rights organization featured in the film that promotes equal rights and respect for human dignity, regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity - Organisation working to expose the situation in Chechnya, advocate for change and support LGBT people to escape the situation.

[Moscow Community Center for LGBT+ initiatives](#)

Organisation featured in the film working on multiple LGBT+ projects to give safe spaces for LGBT+ individuals, provide legal support and promote LGBT+ rights in Russia.

[300 Ninjas, Inc](#)

The digital effects company behind the amazing technology concealing the identities of the brave individuals in the film so they could tell their stories without their families and others recognising them.

Global Health Film Festival 2020

Global Health Film
10 Queen Street Place London EC4R 1BE

www.globalhealthfilm.org

Registered Charity Number 1179829

Company number 10436509

GLOBAL HEALTH FILM

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
COMPILED BY OUR VOLUNTEER TEAM**

Other

[Zelim Bakaev - Haha](#)

Music from the missing pop singer Zelim Bakaev, who was last seen being taken into custody by local security agents in Chechnya, and has not been seen since.

[Map of Sexual Orientation Laws \(ILGA\)](#)

These maps and images expose the arbitrariness of persecutory laws regarding sexual orientation around the world, and starkly indicate the absence of positive law in most parts of the world.

[This is what LGBT life is like around the world](#) (TED Talk, 2015)

Jenni Chang and Lisa Dazols travelled to 15 countries across Africa, Asia and South America to find the inspiring stories and the courageous, resilient and proud LGBT people promoting basic human rights for all.

[How to Survive a Plague](#) (Film)

Featured in the Global Health Film Classics series earlier this year, this film (also by David France, director of Welcome to Chechnya) documents the work of early AIDS activists, ordinary people with no training who marshalled the intricate details of virology to change the course of the epidemic.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST!

**We are grateful for any donations made to Global Health Film.
Please donate [here](#) to support us in our work!**

Global Health Film Festival 2020

Global Health Film
10 Queen Street Place London EC4R 1BE

www.globalhealthfilm.org

Registered Charity Number 1179829

Company number 10436509