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## Police women and the Policing of Domestic Violence in the Centre of the Mediterranean

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### ABSTRACT

Domestic violence has its roots in culture and, in turn, culture constructs stereotypes about different sections of people. Although stereotypes may not necessarily be negative, they are the pillars that sustain prejudice and discrimination (Deaux, Dane, & Wrightsman, 1993: p. 218). Therefore, this paper will discuss the role of police women and the policing of domestic violence in the centre of the Mediterranean. The research focuses on a study carried out in the Maltese islands and in the region of Trapani, Sicily. After a brief description of the two islands and their culture, the paper will continue by explaining and defining the Mediterranean culture and police culture. The findings of the research will be explained in the final part.

### KEYWORDS

Policing; Domestic Violence; Police women; Mediterranean Culture; Machismo

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