

# “If It Was My Account with My Name, I Would Be Scared For My Life”: Queer Online Sex Work in Turkey

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## **Abstract**

This paper explores the different forms of offline and online violence, violations, and harms effected by the queer online sex workers in Turkey. The paper focuses on the lived experiences of experiencing and embodying violence, and it adopts Violence Regime and Continuum of Violence as a theoretical framework to investigate the different modalities of violence/violations that travels spatially between the offline and online context. The findings draw on empirical research findings that are based on six narrative interviews conducted with queer online sex workers in Istanbul, Turkey. The findings illustrate that violence travels spatially between time and space and it reflects offline offences, such as the traditional aspects of gender-based violence, patriarchal violence, and sexual violence that is accelerated by hegemonic notions of masculinity.

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