

Jan Kroon

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Professional Profile

Independent researcher with a focus on sexual trauma, survivor experiences, and the complex intersections of arousal, pleasure, and abuse in female survivors. Committed to trauma-informed perspectives and open science to advance understanding of nuanced survivor realities.

Professional Experience

2021 - Present: Independent Researcher and Collaborator, Open Sexual Trauma Research Group (OSTRG)

- Contributed to collaborative research examining sexual abuse dynamics, survivor impacts, and societal perceptions.
- Co-authored key publications challenging conventional narratives around trauma responses in female survivors.
- Engaged in dissemination of findings through reports and online platforms to promote accessible, evidence-based insights.

Research, Publications, and Professional Engagement

2021 - Present: Published Author and Independent Researcher

- Co-authored "Reconciling Trauma: Arousal & Pleasure in Female Sexual Abuse Survivors" (OSTRG-PUB-2021-011, with Miroslav Kovac), which explores how some female survivors experience physiological arousal or pleasure during abuse, addressing associated shame, confusion, and implications for trauma-informed care.
- Ongoing independent study and interest in female sexual trauma, survivor reconciliation processes, and the validation of complex experiences.
- Active in professional online communities related to sexual health and trauma research.

Education and Training

- Formal education details not publicly specified; background supports independent research through self-directed study and collaboration.
- 2020 - Present: Ongoing self-study on sexual trauma, female sexuality, arousal responses in abuse contexts, and related topics via professional literature, journals, books, and online resources.

Languages

- Dutch (Native)

- English (Professional)

About Me

Born and raised in the Netherlands, where I continue to live and work, I am now 63 years old. My path into sexual trauma research stems from a deep interest in understanding the full spectrum of survivor experiences, particularly how societal assumptions often overlook complexities such as the broader role of family and intrafamilial dynamics in shaping long-term sexual and relational outcomes.

This interest led me to independent research and collaboration with like-minded colleagues. In 2021, I co-authored a significant paper with Miroslav Kovac through the Open Sexual Trauma Research Group (OSTRG), focusing on reconciling trauma with experiences of arousal and pleasure among female sexual abuse survivors. While the field often centers on harm and trauma, I am also fascinated by exploring potential adaptive or positive elements that can emerge within difficult family dynamics.

I place great value in open, respectful dialogue on these sensitive topics and actively engage in discussions with fellow researchers, and individuals with direct experience of complex family dynamics, whose insights are essential to deepening knowledge and informing better support.