



GENDER, DIVERSITY & INTERSECTIONALITY RESEARCH CENTRE

GENDERWEEK 2022

7-12 MARCH



**Machteld De Metsenaere lecture on
Film, Gender and Politics in Afghanistan**

Lecture and film screening by **Sahraa Karimi**

**EUROPALIA: Building feminist cities
an intersectional approach to mobility**

Colloquium with **Leslie Kern, Apolline Vranken a.o.**

**Feminist and Queer Solidarities with
Palestine**

Lecture by **Mikki Stelder and Haneen Maikay**

and more...

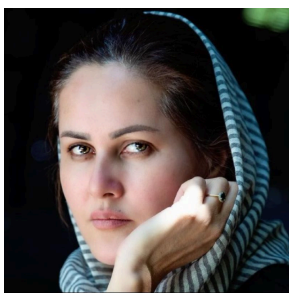


The RHEA Genderweek 2022 will kick off in just a few weeks. Below you can find the programme of the Genderweek. Make sure to register for the events soon!

Stay tuned for more information on the Genderweek via our [website](#), [Facebook page](#), [Instagram](#) and our new [LinkedIn](#)!

MACHTELD DE METSENAERE LECTURE ON FILM, GENDER AND POLITICS IN AFGHANISTAN: REFLECTIONS FROM DIRECTOR SAHRAA KARIMI AND DISCUSSION WITH GIE GORIS

Monday 7/03, 18.00-20.00



Sahraa Karimi, Afghan film director and first woman to lead the Afghan Film Organization, will give an online lecture on the experiences of artists in Afghanistan and the protection of their artistic freedom, incorporating her own life experiences, as she herself fled Afghanistan. Afterwards, a discussion with **Gie Goris** will address the pivotal role that film and art can have within political and societal change. The Machteld De Metsenaere lecture is an annual lecture organized by RHEA in honour of prof. em. Machteld De Metsenaere. For years, Machteld De Metsenaere was a driving force behind the first university Centre for Women's Studies (Centrum voor Vrouwenstudies) at the VUB, and later at RHEA.

This online event is organized in partnership with the Fatima Mernissi Chair, VUB Crosstalks & Kaaitheater.

Location: Online.

Time: 7/03/2022, 18.00-20.00.

This event is free, but registration is needed via [our website](#).

FILMSCREENING 'HAVA, MARYAM, AYESHE': SCREENING AND PANEL DISCUSSION ON ARTISTIC PRACTICE AS A PLATFORM FOR POLITICAL CHANGE

Tuesday 8/03, 19.00-21.30



Three Afghan women from different social background, living in Kabul, are facing a big challenge in their lives. Hava, a traditional pregnant woman whom no one cares about, is living with her father and mother in law. Her only



joy is talking to the baby in her belly. Maryam, an educated TV news reporter, is about to get a divorce from her unfaithful husband, but finds out she is pregnant. Ayesha, an 18-year old girl accepts to marry her cousin because she is pregnant from her boyfriend who disappears after hearing the news. Each of them has to solve her problem by herself for the first time. In the last decade, the Afghan film industry has gained a lot of recognition. The contribution of female directors and staff has been essential to this development. **Sahraa Karimi** played a prominent role in this evolution, and in a short time she has put Afghan cinema on the map. With the fall of Kabul in August 2021 this all came to an abrupt end. On International Women's Day **Mahdieh Fahimi** and Sahraa Karimi will talk about the importance of women's participation – both socially and culturally – in a patriarchal society fragmented by decades of violence and political instability.

This online event is organized in partnership with the Fatima Mernissi Chair, VUB Crosstalks, Bozar & Kaaitheater.

Location: Paleis voor Schone Kunsten - Bozar.

Time: 8/03/2022, 19.00-21.30.

Tickets are 8 euro standard, and 6 euro for -26 years and can be found on the [website of Bozar](#).

ELO SESSION: HORIZON EUROPE AND THE GENDER DIMENSION IN RESEARCH

Tuesday 8/03, 13.00-14.30



Are you a researcher interested in preparing a Horizon Europe project proposal? Join this interactive session and learn from pertinent speakers about the integration within your project of the award criteria of the gender dimension. The objective is three-fold:

- Enhanced know-how and clarity on what is the gender dimension of research
- A better understanding of how to integrate and make relevant use of this award criteria in your research project
- Better grasp of the different aspects of gender requests in preparing a research project proposal

Understanding these aspects, will lead to an enriched research content of your research project proposal.

Speakers will include EU representative(s) from relevant institutions, as well as VUB and EUTOPIA researchers, who will share their experiences.

The format of the session will allow, next to the presentation of the speakers, interaction through Q&A session, moderated by the European Liaison Office of VUB. For more information, please contact Cristina Macovei Cristina.macovei@vub.be.

This event is organised in partnership with the European Liaison Office of VUB.

Location: Online.

Time: 8/03/2022, 13.00-14.30

Registration is free but needed via [our website](#).

FEMINIST AND QUEER SOLIDARITIES WITH PALESTINE

Wednesday 9/03, 10.00-12.00



In light of the inter-university lecture series 'Palestine: Entangled histories and other ways of seeing ecologies, resistance and solidarity within a settler colonial situation' a lecture on feminist and queer solidarities in Palestine will be held by **Haneen Maikey** and **dr. Mikki Stelder**. Haneen Maikey is a Palestinian activist working against Israeli apartheid by engaging queer and feminist politics. Mikki Stelder is a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Amsterdam/University of British Columbia. Stelder's dissertation 'Queering Occupation: From Zionist Sexual Politics to Palestinian Decolonial-Queer Imaginaries' (2018) discussed the uses of Zionist sexual politics for Israel's settler colonial project; Palestinian anticolonial-queer politics; and the limits and challenges of transnational solidarity. This lecture will discuss how the Israeli state mobilizes gender and sexuality within the context of occupation. What can a queer and feminist perspective bring to our understanding of settler-colonialism, not just in the context of Palestine, but also in light of Belgium's own colonial past? And, what are the implications for transnational and internationalist feminist and queer solidarities with Palestine?

This event is part of a lecture series on Palestine in partnership with UGent, UA, ULB and KULeuven and is organized in collaboration with EDGE and Brussels School of Governance and supported by the Global Minds Fund.

Location: Online.

Time: 9/03/2022, 10.00-12.00.

This event is free, but registration is needed via [our website](#).

WOMXN IN ACADEMIA

Wednesday 9/03, 14.00-15.30



Womxn in Academia is an open and informal group of people who identify as womxn and work in academia. We come together regularly to share experiences of working in an environment that is dominated by white men, discuss daily tactics of how to deal with issues of motivation and belonging, or discrimination, harassment or invisibilization, and support each other in our work at the university. When needed and possible, we organize meetings on particular issues that need policy attention.

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As part of VUB Gender Week we are organizing a Womxn in Academia gathering to:

- (1) share experiences of working as womxn in academia during the global pandemic;
- (2) discuss the aim and organization of the Womxn in Academia group.

Location: Online.

Time: 9/03/2022, 14.00-15.30.

This event is free, but registration is needed via [our website](#).

BYSTANDER WORKSHOP 'ACT AGAINST SEXUAL HARASSMENT' FOR STUDENTS

Wednesday 9/03, 17.00-18.30



The #metoo movement has broken the silence on harassment and shown its prevalence in all spheres of society. According to the results of a recent large-scale study, two-thirds of the Belgian population (aged 16 to 69) have experienced some form of sexual violence during their lifetime. Harassment and sexual violence are present in universities and educational settings. This has not only become clear the recent week, but has been previously shown in various studies. Beyond policies and making more effective reporting mechanisms, one tool that has proven to be effective when it comes to harassment prevention is bystander intervention training.

The workshop is hosted by external training **Juliette Sanchez-Lambert**, one of the authors of the book "It's not that grey" and is open to all students of all genders.

This event is organized in partnership with the VUB Equality Team and Brussels School of Governance.

Location: Online.

Time: 9/03/2022, 17.00-18.30.

This event is free, but registration is needed [via our website](#).

BIOETHICS, MULTI-PARENTING AND NEW FORMS OF RELATIONSHIPS

Thursday 10/03, 16.00-18.00



The two-parent family with the heterosexual monogamous couple and first-degree genetically related children in one household is less and less reality. New forms of relationships and cohabitation, transnational migration, and



(new) reproductive technologies seem to put more and more pressure on this interpretation. These changes lead to new ethical questions, regarding different stages of reproduction. Who should be considered a parent? Is the concept of parenthood still useful within bioethics and health care? What are the responsibilities of different parents in these 'new' relationships. This panel discussion will explore these questions and the clinical, social and political aspects associated with them.

The panel will be composed of **Julie Nekkebroeck** (VUB), **Amal Miri** (Ugent), **Noémie Willemen** (UCL), **Siggie Vertommen** (UGent) and moderated by **Dirk Lafaut** and **Katrien De Graeve**.

This event will be in Dutch.

This event is organized in partnership with ECSO and Cyclus Biomedische Ethiek UZ Brussel

Location: VUB Campus Etterbeek, Promotion Room (this event will be livestreamed)

Time: 10/03/2022, 16.00-18.00.

This event is free, but registration is needed via [our website](#).

BUILDING FEMINIST CITIES: AN INTERSECTIONAL APPROACH TO MOBILITY [SOLD OUT]

Thursday 10/03, 19.00-21.30



Our cities in general, including stations and concepts on mobility, are often designed by men. There is little consideration for women as mothers, workers or carers. The urban streets are at times a place of threat rather than community. But what would a more inclusive metropolis in general, and a station specifically, look like?

Canadian academic **Leslie Kern** will give the keynote in this colloquium on intersectionality and mobility. In her book 'Feminist City, Claiming Space in a Man-made world' through history, personal experience and popular culture, she exposes what is hidden in plain sight: the social inequalities built into our cities, homes, and neighborhoods. Afterwards we go into conversations with architects, zooming into case studies of 3 European cities: Brussels, Amsterdam and Vienna.

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This event is organized in partnership with Europalia, deBuren and KVS.

Location: KVS.

Time: 10/03/2022, 19.00-21.30.

Registrations for this event are closed.

WOMEN IN SCIENCE DAY 2022: GENDER-FAIR RECRUITMENT IN ACADEMIA

Friday 11/03, 12.00-17.00



During this afternoon, we want to provide a 360° view on how to improve gender balance during recruitment processes in academia and how to consider implicit bias. After the meeting, participants will be better equipped to take part in gender-fair recruitment, be more aware of what is at stake from different viewpoints, and get tips and tricks about what works and what not work for them.

Target audience: young researchers, supervisors and faculty members (male & female), selection committees, diversity teams of universities and research funding agencies.

Meet our excellent speakers from FWO, FNRS, Belgian universities, and more, and get challenged by our motivated students!

This event is organized in partnership with BeWiSe and funded by FWO and FRNS.

Location: Universitaire Stichting.

Time: 11/03/2022, 12.00-17.00.

Registration for this event is needed via [the website of BeWiSe](#).

LIJF-elijk ANDERS
Saturday 12/03, 16.00-19.00



'LIJF-elijk ANDERS' is a photo exhibition and vernissage by photographer and cultural scientist **Hilde Braet**, which explores the boundaries of 'women' with a 'disability' and their experience of sexuality. With this exhibition, Braet wants to challenge dominant discourses and images on female sexuality. This festive opening of the exhibition will include several speeches, a panel discussion with the models and a presentation of the accompanying photo book.

This event will be in Dutch.

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This event is organized by Humanistisch Verbond Brussels Hoofdstedelijk Gewest and huisvandeMens Brussel in partnership with Aditi vzw and VUB RHEA.

Location: HuisvandeMens Brussel.

Time: 12/03/2022, 16.00-19.00.

Registration for this event is needed via [this form](#).

DO YOU WANT TO COMMUNICATE ABOUT RHEA GENDERWEEK 2022?

If you are interested in the RHEA Genderweek 2022, or specific events that are part of the Genderweek, and want to communicate this to a larger audience, you can find the communication material via [this link](#). Thank you for promoting RHEA Genderweek 2022!



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