

# RHEA Upcoming Events

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## GENDER, DIVERSITY & INTERSECTIONALITY RESEARCH CENTRE

After a successful VUB Genderweek, we are back again with new upcoming lectures and debates on topics like "Queer Migrations", "The decolonial university", "Gender, religion & secularism" and "International Adoption" ! Hope to meet you soon at one of these events, please do not forget to register!

**MONDAY APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>**  
**18:00- 20:00**  
**BEURSSCHOUWBURG**



# QUEER MIGRATIONS

# Queer Migrations: lecture and panel discussion

*Monday, 1 april 2019 - 18h-20h*

This event is jointly organized by EDGE and RHEA in the framework of the VUB WeKonekt Week. It comprises a presentation of the book "**Queer Muslims in Europe: Sexuality, religion and migration in Belgium**" by **Wim Peumans** followed by a discussion with activists from civil society associations in Belgium and the Netherlands.

In focusing on people with different migration histories and ethnic backgrounds, Wim Peumans' talk aims to challenge the heteronormativity of Migration Studies and reveals the interrelated issues involved in migration, sexuality and religion. In particular, his lecture will foreground the lived experiences of queer Muslims who migrated to Belgium because of their sexuality and queer Muslims who are the children of economic migrants. Based on extensive fieldwork, the author will examine how these Muslims, negotiate silence and disclosure around their sexuality and understand their religious beliefs. He will also explore how the sexual identity of queer Muslims changes within a context of transnational migration.

The lecture will be followed by a conversation with Belgian and Dutch representatives of civil society organisations, such as **Dino Suhonic and Dounia Jari of Maruf**, a platform for queer Muslims in the Netherlands and the collective **Queers support the Migrants BXL** in Belgium.

**Time:** Monday 1st April from 18h till 20h

**Venue:** Beursschouwburg, August Ortsstraat 20-28, 1000 Brussels

**PARTICIPATION IS FREE OF CHARGE BUT FOR PRACTICAL REASONS PLEASE REGISTER [HERE](#).**

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## De dekoloniale universiteit: Kritische reflecties over de academische wereld

*Donderdag, 4 april 2019 - 20:00-22:00*

Na de hypes van concepten zoals diversiteit en intersectionaliteit is het nu de beurt aan de term 'dekolonisering'. Wat is het verschil tussen diversifiëring en dekolonisering of tussen een intersectioneel en post- of dekoloniaal beleid? Vooraleer we dieper ingaan op de vragen hoe de dekoloniale universiteit

eruitziet en functioneert, en welke persoonlijke, maatschappelijke en institutionele veranderingen daarvoor nodig zijn, worden de verschillende noties (diversiteit, superdiversiteit, intersectionaliteit, de- en postkoloniaal) kritisch onder de loep genomen.

Met bijdragen van Nadia Fadil (KU Leuven), Sarah Bracke (Universiteit van Amsterdam) en Sophie Withaecx (VUB) - panel gemodereerd door Bambi Ceuppens (AfricaMuseum)

De Fatima Mernissi Leerstoel is een initiatief van RHEA - Expertisecentrum gender, diversiteit en intersectionaliteit, in samenwerking met Crosstalks. Dit evenement wordt georganiseerd in het kader van de weKONEKT.brussels week (1-5 april) en wordt gerealiseerd met de steun van Darna, Vlaams-Marokkaans Culturenhuis.

**Location:** Kaaistudio's - O.L.V. Van Vaakstraat 81, 1000 Brussel

**When:** 4 April 2019 - 20:00 - 22:00

**FREE ENTRANCE BUT PLEASE REGISTER [HERE](#).**

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## StadsSalonsUrbains



### **PhD Masterclass "Gender, religion and secularism in Western public spaces with Nilüfer Göle"**

***Friday, 5 April 2019 - 12h-14h***

This masterclass invites PhD-researchers with interests in studying dynamics of gender, religion and secularism in Western public spaces in disciplines like sociology, urban studies, gender studies, anthropology, social geography or philosophy. Participants can receive feedback and comments on their research,

and are invited to formulate specific questions for input in the development of their theoretical framework, concepts and research methodology.

**Nilüfer Göle** is professor of sociology and director at CESPRA at EHESS (Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, France). Her research focuses on Islam, public space, gender, secularism and multiple modernities. Her work examines how Islam becomes visible in European public spaces and engenders controversies concerning moral, cultural and religious differences. Her approach introduces non-Western perspectives and engages critically with the universalist dimension of secular modernity. Recently, she published the books *The Daily Lives of Muslims: Islam and Public Confrontation in Contemporary Europe* (2017) and *Islam and Secularity: The Future of Europe's Public Sphere* (2015).

**The masterclass is only accessible for PhD-researchers, you can register [HERE](#).**

**Venue:** Campus Etterbeek: Brussels Humanities, Sciences & Engineering  
Campus Building D - room D1.08

**When:** 05 april 2019 - 12:00h - 14:00h

## Lecture "Public visibility of religious difference and cultural confrontation" by Nilüfer Göle

*Friday, 5 April 2019 - 17.30h-19.30h*

Public lecture by prof. Nilüfer Göle in the framework of the StadsSalonsUrbains lecture series on 'Migration, Racialization and Everyday Resistance'.

**Venue:** Beursschouwburg, Auguste Ortsstraat 20-208, 1000 Brussels

**Timing:** Friday 5th April, 18h till 20h

Practical info and registration [HERE](#).

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**SYMPOSIUM**  
*26/04 & 27/04, Brussels*

**(ENG) Intercountry adoption: How to continue?**  
Perspectives from the social sciences and humanities

**(NL) Interlandelijke adoptie: Hoe moet het verder?**  
Inzichten uit de sociale en humane wetenschappen





## Symposium "Intercountry Adoption: How to Continue?"

*Friday & Saturday, 26-27 April 2019 - 9h30-17h30*

On the days of April 26th and 27th of this year, a symposium on intercountry adoption will be organised in Brussels by the Support Centre for Adoption (Steunpunt Adoptie), and four Flemish universities (UGhent, UAntwerp, VUB and KULeuven).

During this symposium, we will reflect about the questions above, and will invite national and international researchers from the social sciences and humanities for discussion. Adoption is already an important object of study within the field of psychology and medicine sciences. At the same time, since the turn of the century, researchers within social sciences and the humanities have increasingly focused on adoption and intercountry adoption in particular. Researchers in these fields are now paying more attention to the historical, political, economical, social, cultural and ethical aspects of intercountry adoption, as they investigate this practice within a context of migration, diversity and global inequalities. As these insights are relatively new and quite unknown within the adoption landscape, this symposium aims to bring these perspectives to attention of all people involved in intercountry adoption. In dialogue with the audience, we will search for answers to these important questions that take place in our contemporary adoption debate.

The first day (in English) of this two-day symposium will reflect about the future of intercountry adoption, focusing on the question "Is the current decline in intercountry adoption a 'crisis' or a positive evolution? The second day (in Dutch) will zoom in on the experiences and challenges of intercountry adoptees. With keynotes by **Riita Högbäcka** and **Tobias Hübinette** and contributions by Miranda Aerts (Rwanda en Zoveel Meer), Ariane Vandenberghe (Vlaams Centrum voor Adoptie), Wouter Vandenhoele (Universiteit Antwerpen), Christof Bex (Ugent), Katrien De Graeve (Ugent), Chiara Candaele (Universiteit Antwerpen), Sophie Withaecx (VUB), testimonies and workshops.

**Location:** EhB departement MMM - Zespenningenstraat 70, 1000 Brussel

**When:** 26-27 april - 9:30 -17:30

Het volledige programma en info mbt registratie vind je op de website [www.symposiumadoptie.be](http://www.symposiumadoptie.be).



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