

## Call for 2021 LOVA Marjan Rens Master's Thesis Award

In 2003 LOVA established the biennial LOVA Marjan Rens Master's Thesis Award. Dutch feminist anthropologist Marjan Rens was an active member of LOVA in the 1980s and 1990s and worked for many years in high mountain areas such as the Andes and the Himalayas she loved so much, supporting women's projects and programmes. After her sudden death in Nepal her friends and family initiated the Marjan Rens Foundation in 2000 to fund small projects of women's organizations in mountainous areas. Some years later the foundation donated part of their funds to the LOVA Marjan Rens Master's Thesis Award for the best Master's thesis in the field of women's and gender studies in anthropology completed at a university in The Netherlands. Since 2005 eight awards have been granted. An overview of the impact of winning the prize on the career of the award-winners has been published in LOVA Journal 39 of December 2018. In that same year the Marjan Rens Foundation ended their activities and the remaining budget was handed over to the LOVA board to ensure the continuation of the prize for at least another decade.

In 2021 the LOVA board will organise another round of the LOVA Marjan Rens Master's Thesis Award. The awards will be handed out at a LOVA event in 2021, hopefully the General Members Assembly during the International Conference in May or June 2021. That is why we invite graduates who recently completed their Master's thesis at a university in the Netherlands in the field of gender studies and feminist anthropology to participate. Three award-winners will be invited to write an article based on their thesis for publishing in the LOVA

Journal of December 2021 and the award-winner on the first place will receive a donation of 500 euro.

### Criteria for participation

- the thesis has been completed between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2020
- the thesis was marked with an 8 or higher
- the thesis is written from a feminist anthropological perspective in which the relationship between gender and power is central
- the thesis is written in Dutch or English
- the thesis was written at a university or institute in the Netherlands

### Guidelines for submission

- send a digital copy of your thesis by email before February 15, 2021
- do not forget to mention your name, postal address, and telephone number in the accompanying message

### Submission address

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### More information on websites

- [www.lova.network](http://www.lova.network)
- [www.stichtingmarjanrens.nl](http://www.stichtingmarjanrens.nl)