

News of LOVA Members

Kathrine van den Bogert



Kathrine van den Bogert recently started as post-doctoral researcher at the Department of Cultural Anthropology and Development Studies and member of the Research Group of Gender and Diversity at Radboud University Nijmegen. She has received the Boymans Prize for best PhD-dissertation in the Netherlands in field of sport, physical education, and leisure. Furthermore, in September 2020 she became a member of the Scientific Committee of the Red Cross in the Netherlands.

Lenie Brouwer

Lenie Brouwer recently retired from her staff position at the Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology of Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. She taught all kinds of courses, such as research labs on migrants and refugees in the Netherlands. She also participated for several years in the Social Sciences Programme of the Dutch Institute Morocco (NIMAR) in Rabat. During her stay in Morocco she studied the February 20 Movement, women's organisations and the use of social media by youth. She will continue the supervision of two PhD candidates, and spend her time reading books and watching the movies for which she did not have time before.



Tine Davids

Tine Davids, LOVA board member since last year and Assistant Professor at the Department of Anthropology and Development

Sociology at Radboud University Nijmegen, could complete her supervision of the PhD research by Lilia Venegas. Lilia's dissertation *Mujeres del Partido Acción Nacional: Género y militancia en la región fronteriza del norte de México, 1982-1992* was defended at the University of Amsterdam on October 20, 2020 and elaborates on the political activism of women in the northern border region of Mexico during the 1980s and early 1990s when the country was characterised by a long transition to democracy. Professor emeritus Michiel Baud of CEDLA (Centre for Latin American Research and Documentation of the University of Amsterdam) acted as first supervisor.



Halleh Ghorashi

Halleh Ghorashi, full Professor of Diversity and Integration and program leader of the research group Identities, Diversity and Inclusion at the Sociology Department of the Faculty of Social Sciences at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, has been appointed as member of The Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW) per August 2020.

On the KNAW website, her appointment is explained by stating: "Halleh Ghorashi is an authority on refugee and cultural diversity research. She is well known for her innovative approach to combining experimental qualitative methods, discourse analysis and narratives.



Ghorashi has made important contributions to theories concerning the inclusion of immigrants in society, for example by revealing hidden structures of exclusion. She is a Crown-appointed member of the Social and Economic Council of the Netherlands, where she devotes herself to promoting the cause of refugees and diversity in the boardroom. Ghorashi founded the Refugee

Academy to bring refugee-related research and practice closer together.” In 2017, Halleh had also received the prestigious VICI grant on *Engaged Scholarship and Narratives of Change* from NWO.

Natashe Lemos Dekker

Dr Natashe Lemos Dekker defended her PhD thesis *Timing Death: Entanglements of time and value at the end of life with dementia in the Netherlands* on September 4, 2020, at the University of Amsterdam. In September 2020 she also started as a post-doctoral researcher at the Institute of Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology at Leiden University. Her new project will explore time, ageing and end of life care in Brazil.



Filipa Oitavén

Filipa Oitavén (MA in Social and Cultural Anthropology) has been LOVA's secretary since August 2016 and stepped down in September 2020. Beginning this year, Filipa has launched her consultancy business, to work as an applied anthropologist with social enterprises that support grassroots solutions and wisdom. Since May 2020, she has been collaborating with Legado, a NGO working with indigenous communities who live in Sky Islands around the world. A Sky Island is a mountain that has exceptionally high biodiversity in an exceptionally small area and is critical for seeding clouds and producing rain. Filipa has been supporting Legado's flagship project on Mount Namuli in Mozambique, by championing anthropological perspectives to action-oriented research based on local, indigenous and traditional knowledge. This includes participatory assessments as well as project planning and evaluation, in areas ranging from resource



mapping, natural resources management, land rights, local economic development, communication, and leadership for sustainability.

For her Master's Filipa conducted fieldwork near the base of Mount Namuli in 2014-2015. She did research about how different actors resisted, navigated and adapted government efforts to plan and implement a transformative large-scale development project in the region. Through her new position at Legado, Filipa renews her commitment to supporting Mozambican indigenous communities and organisations to have access to resources that sustain their livelihoods, and to feel empowered making decisions and influencing policies and practices that affect their lives and their communities.

Pieter du Plessis

Pieter du Plessis graduated in August 2020 in the GEMMA Gender Studies Research Masters at Utrecht University (NL) and Granada University (ES). GEMMA Erasmus Mundus Master's Degree in Women's and Gender Studies is a two-year postgraduate program of study at two chosen universities out of the seven prestigious European universities of the GEMMA Consortium. Pieter could participate in this programme with an Erasmus Mundus scholarship after his BSc (with honors) in Social Sciences and MPhil in Economics with an anthropological approach at the University of Cape Town, South Africa. Per September 2020 Pieter is employed as teaching assistant in the Department of Philosophy of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at Maastricht University. He will teach in a variety of interdisciplinary courses and programs such as digital society and the social study of environmental problems.



An van Raemdonck

From 2017 to 2020 An van Raemdonck worked as a post-doctoral researcher at the Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology of Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, the Netherlands, in a collaborative anthropological research project on the shifting meanings and contexts of early marriage among Syrian refugees in Jordan, led by Marina de Regt. This year she started a new post-doctoral research project (2020-2022) funded by the European Research Council that focuses on polarization and questions of identity and marginalization among Muslim and white nativist youth in Belgium. This project is led by prof. Ayhan Kaya (European University Institute Florence; Istanbul Bilgi University).



Annemiek Richters

Annemiek Richters, emeritus full Professor of Culture, Health and Illness at Leiden University Medical Center and staff member of the Amsterdam School for Social Science Research, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands, continues her involvement in the development of community-based sociotherapy in Rwanda. In 2020 she published another two articles, elaborating on the practice of sociotherapy in post-conflict societies about respectively intergenerational legacies of genocide among descendants of rape survivors in Rwanda, and suicidal ideation among Congolese refugees in Rwanda.



Luisa Schneider

In November 2020 Luisa Schneider joined the Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam as a tenure track Assistant Professor. She holds a DPhil from the University of Oxford (2018, highest merit). Before she came to Amsterdam Luisa was a post-doctoral research fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology in Halle, Germany (she will continue to be a research partner there), and external lecturer in the Institute of Anthropology at Leipzig University. She has been conducting ethnographic research in Sierra Leone since 2011, and in Germany since 2018.



Luisa specialises in the anthropology of intimacy, violence and law, and is particularly interested in the frictions between care and control and also between rights, protections and their practical realisation arising from the divide between private and public spheres. She is also interested in the nexus between ethnographic unpredictability and institutional demands. In her DPhil research in Sierra Leone she developed an ethnographic critique of love and violence; her ongoing research in Germany is among homeless people.

Julienne Weegels

Julienne Weegels started working as an Assistant Professor of Latin American Studies with a special focus on violence, gender and migration at the University of Amsterdam's Centre for Latin American Studies and Documentation (CEDLA) in August 2020. Her research focuses on the politics of (dis)order, justice, embodiment and incarceration in Nicaragua and beyond. In November 2020, she obtained a generous seed grant from the UvA Global Digital Cultures Program for the joint research project "P(R)OTESTAS: The Politics and Aesthetics of Digital Autho-



ritarianism and Protest in the Global South”, which will be starting in March 2021 with dr. Yatun Sastramidjaja (UvA, Department of Anthropology) and PhD-candidate Luisa Gonzalez Valencia (UvA, CEDLA/ARTES).

Annelou Ypeij

Former LOVA Chair Annelou Ypeij has retired per August 1, 2020, from her job as Senior Lecturer at the Center for Latin American Research and Documentation (CEDLA) of the University of Amsterdam. Since 2003, Annelou was employed by CEDLA, first as a post-doctoral researcher in a project on gender and tourism in Latin America and later as Senior Lecturer with special attention for gender and social mobility. Prior to joining CEDLA, Annelou held a post-doctoral position in a project at Erasmus University Rotterdam, for which she did research about gender and poverty in the Netherlands. Her book *Single Motherhood and Poverty: The Case of The Netherlands* was published by Amsterdam University Press in 2009.



Annelou obtained her PhD degree at Utrecht University in 1995 for her dissertation on gender and poverty in Lima, Peru. In the 1990s she lived six years in Mexico with her husband Reinoud Roscam Abbing, who was a journalist for NRC Handelsblad, one of the leading newspapers in the Netherlands. Annelou published widely about gender, social mobility, poverty and tourism in Latin America and the Netherlands, and taught and supervised many students.

Around the mid-1980s Annelou became an active LOVA-member. In 1985, she co-organised a LOVA Study Day at Utrecht University and in May 1989 she co-published her very first article, not coincidentally in the LOVA Newsletter about theory and practice of feminist methodology, together with Hermien Boschman, Marjonel van Hooff, Bernice de Jong Boers, and Martine de Schutter. Since then

she has been actively involved in the organisation of various LOVA Study Days with a break during the years that she lived in Latin America. In 1998, Annelou took a seat in the LOVA board, first representing the LOVA Study Day Committee (LOSCO), later as LOVA Chair (2004-2011, after having acted as Chair ad interim in 2002), and as treasurer (2011-2014). As LOVA Chair, Annelou started the internationalisation of LOVA with the first International Conference in 2008, entitled *Ethnographies of Gender and Globalization*. The LOVA Journal became bi-lingual and the first International Summer School was organised (an idea of Reinhilde Sotiria König) in 2012. Together with Reinhilde and Georg Frerks, she edited the volume *Gender and Conflict: Embodiments, Discourses and Social Practices* (Ashgate 2014, republished as an e-edition by Routledge in 2016), which was based on the second LOVA International Conference on *Ethnographies of Gender and Conflict* in 2011.

As an affiliated fellow at CEDLA, per November 1, 2020, Annelou intends to work on a number of publications. She is also an editorial board member of the *Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology* (JLACA) of the Society of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology (SLACA), a section of the American Anthropological Association (AAA), for which she regularly writes reviews. Annelou's former Master's student Julienne Weegels has taken over Annelou's job position at CEDLA.