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Kathrine van den Bogert

Kathrine van den Bogert (post-doctoral researcher at the Departments of Cultural Anthropology and Gender and Diversity Studies at Radboud University Nijmegen) received the Radboud Network Female Professors Award 2021 in the field of social sciences. The award consists of a donation of thousand euro and was

granted in a ceremony on March 8, 2021 as part of the congress 'Women in the spotlight'. Once in two years the award is given to four excellent scholars who defended their PhD thesis recently in the alfa, beta, gamma, and medicine domains. The jury report refers to the Boymans Prize for the best PhD-dissertation in the Netherlands in the field of sports, physical education and leisure Kathrine received in 2020 and to her innovative approach in her ongoing anthropological research among Muslim youth in the Schilderswijk neighbourhood of the Dutch town of The Hague in which not their Muslim identity but their daily (sport) experiences are the central topic. The report also mentions her initiative for an interactive online Toolbox Diversity for university lecturers. In October 2021 Kathrine became a member of the Radboud Young Academy which provides (un)solicited advice, organizes (interdisciplinary) meetings for young academics, and participates in the debate on education, science, social impact and science communication.



Roos Dorsman

On September 23, 2021 Roos Dorsman successfully defended her PhD thesis *The New Orleans Voodooscape: Ethnography of*

Contemporary Voodoo Traditions of New Orleans, Louisiana at the Université Libre de Bruxelles (Brussels, Belgium). Roos conducted one year of ethnographic fieldwork in New Orleans, Louisiana. In this study she explored the role of contemporary voodoo practices in New Orleans society while engaging with the debates surrounding the concepts of authenticity, (traumatic) memory, heritage, and commodification. The thesis was part of the interdisciplinary HERA-project *Currents of Faith, Places of History: Religious Diasporas, Connections, Moral Circumscriptions and World-Making in the Atlantic Space* and was supervised by prof. David Berliner (ULB, BE) and co-supervised by prof. Birgit Meyer (Utrecht University, NL). Roos currently works as a policy advisor at the Department of Mobility at the municipality of the Hague (the Netherlands).

Halleh Ghorashi



In a ceremony at the NEMO Science Museum

on November 9, 2021 the Impact Achievement Award 2021 was granted to 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. In 2018, she was appointed as a Crown Member of the SER (Dutch Social Economic Council) and in 2020 as a member of KNAW (The Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences). The Impact Award is one of the two annual awards of the Amsterdam Science & Innovation Award initiated by the Innovation Exchange Amsterdam, the joint knowledge transfer office of Amsterdam UMC, Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences (HvA), University of Amsterdam (UvA) and the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (VU). Halleh received the award for her research on refugees and diversity, focussing mainly on the narratives of refugees and migrants. In the ceremony Halleh stated: “Policy is often based on numbers, but that doesn’t get you close to the world of the people you make policy for. Over the past twenty years, much has been said and done about diversity without much result. This was because existing structures and norms were not called into question. Diversity was mainly about the others having to adapt. While space for polyphony is necessary to make diverse talents feel at home. For organizations, disruption by new perspectives is essential from time to time to allow for innovation. Moreover, this is the only structural way to connect with diversity in society.” (www.amsia.nl/impact-award-2021/halleh-ghorashi/)



Roxane Kroon

Since August 2021, Roxane Kroon has been employed as a lecturer and researcher in the Social Work

Bachelor's Programme of the Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences (HvA); she teaches a class on social inclusivity, diversity and social resilience. After completing her Research Master's in Gender Studies at Utrecht University in 2020, she found her first job as project coordinator of the Focus Area Migration and Societal Change at Utrecht University. Roxane has been a LOVA board member since 2018, first for general affairs and since September 2020 as Secretary. She will be stepping down as board member in December 2021.

Marina de Regt

In May 2021, Marina de Regt (LOVA chair 2011-2020) was promoted to Associate Professor in the Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. Marina's research has moved from the study of health care workers in a Dutch-Yemeni development project to migrant domestic workers in Yemen, and from the history of migration between Yemen and Ethiopia to adolescent girls' migration in Ethiopia. From 2017 to 2020 she acted as Principal Investigator of the WOTRO funded project *Syrian Refugee Youth in Jordan: Early Marriages in Perspective*. In addition to academic publications, Marina also disseminates research results by way of (short) documentary films and the website Lives in Perspective (www.livesinperspective.org).





Ewa K. Strzelecka

In 2021, Ewa K. Strzelecka was awarded a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowship (MSCA-IF) to implement a research project entitled *Rethinking Peace-building: Women, revolution, exile, and conflict resolution in Yemen* (<https://peacewomenproject.com>). For this she joined the Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam as a Research Associate. Ewa received her PhD degree in Social Science in 2015 at the University of Granada (Spain). Before she came to Amsterdam she was assistant professor at the Department of Political Science and Public Administration of the University of Granada. From 2017 to 2019 she was a postdoctoral researcher at the University Nova of Lisbon (Portugal), and from 2016 to 2017 she was an Adjunct Professor ('Profesora Asociada') at the University of Castilla La Mancha (Spain). She also held visiting scholar positions in Poland, Germany, Spain, the UK, the US, Yemen, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Western Sahara, Mozambique and Bolivia.

Ewa has received numerous honors and awards, including five prestigious prizes for her research on gender, culture, Islam and development in Yemen. She is the author of *Mujeres en la Primavera Árabe: Construcción de una cultura política de resistencia feminista en Yemen (Women in the Arab Spring: The Construction of a Political Culture of Feminist Resistance in Yemen, CSIC, 2017)*. She has extensive experience working at the crossroads between academia and international development organizations. Her main research interests focus on women's movements, human rights, revolutions, transnational politics, and the complexity of social and political change in the Middle East and North Africa.