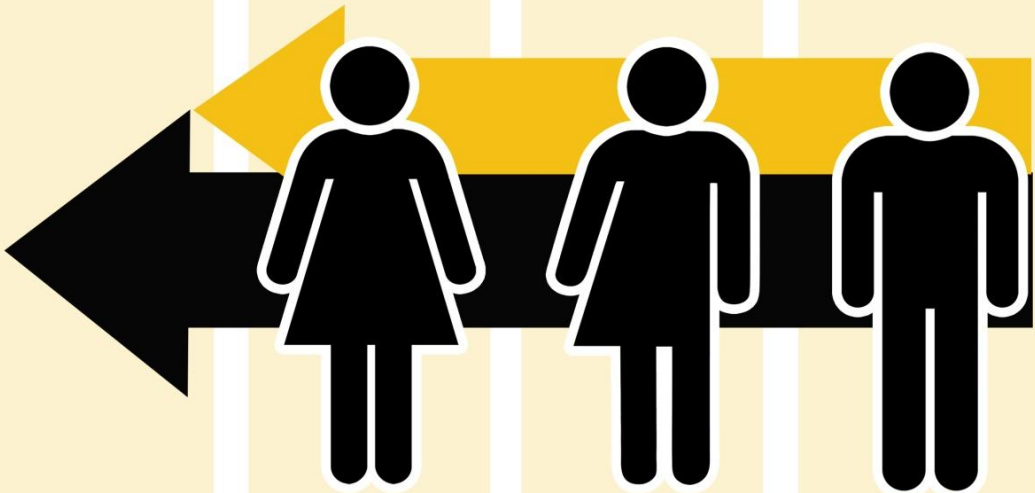




# International Conference **2017**

Ethnographies of  
**Gender &**  
**Mobility**

**Programme  
&  
Abstracts**



**lova.network**

**lovo** Netherlands Association for  
Gender Studies and Feminist Anthropology.

VU Amsterdam

**5-7  
July**

**LOVA International Conference 2017**

**Ethnographies  
of  
Gender and Mobility**

Sponsored by:

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam



Utrecht University



Utrecht University

## Wednesday July 5

- 11.00 – 16.00 Registration  
Room: HG14-A20, 14<sup>th</sup> floor of Main Building of VU
- 13.00 – 14.00 Film screening: *Sent Away Boys* (40 min, Harjant Gill), about the changes in rural Punjab, India, as a result of transnational migration  
Room: HG14-A00
- 14.00 – 15.00 Film screening: *2 Girls* (50 min, Marco Speroni), about adolescent girls' migration in Bangladesh and Ethiopia  
Room: HG14-A00
- 15:30 – 16:00 Coffee and Tea Break
- 16.00 – 17:30 Official Opening and Key Lecture  
Room: HG14-A00
- Official opening by **Dr. Marina de Regt** (VU), LOVA chair and conference convenor
- Keynote lecture by **Dr. Katarzyna Grabska** (Senior researcher, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland)  
***Ethnographic methods: Gender and (im)mobility in displacement and forced migration***
- Discussant: **Dr. Karin Willemse** (Erasmus University Rotterdam)
- 17.30 Drinks (served next to the lecture hall)
- Venue: Main building Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (VU), 14<sup>th</sup> floor, A-wing  
<https://www.vu.nl/en/>

## Thursday July 6

<b>9.30 - 11.15 Panel sessions 1 and 2</b> <p style="text-align: right;">9<sup>th</sup> floor of Main Building of VU</p>	
<b>Panel 1: Women crossing borders with objects. A material approach to female motilities' (pre-organized panel)</b> <p style="text-align: right;">Room HG09-A32</p>	<b>Panel 2: Migration, mobility and young women in Bangladesh (pre-organized panel)</b> <p style="text-align: right;">Room HG09-A33</p>
Between Brazzaville and Kinshasa: Women, cross-border trade and social relations <i>Sylvie Ayimpam</i>	Mobilities to become invisible: Female sex workers daily routine in Dhaka's urban Space <i>Hosna Jahan Shewly and Lorraine Nancel</i>
Romanian women and their carryalls: Suitcase-trade, risk and cooperation on the Istanbul-Bucharest cross-border road <i>Norah Benarrosh-Orsoni</i>	Migration, relationships, and freedom: The experiences of young Garo beauty parlour workers in Dhaka, Bangladesh <i>Heather Larson and Kathinka Sinha-Kerkhoff</i>
Sending and Carrying Things: Caring Across Borders <i>Kathy Burrell</i>	"This is (not) a love story": Inter-ethnic marriages, gender and (im)mobility in the Chittagong Hills of Bangladesh <i>Nasrin Siraj and Ellen Bal</i>
Food from here and food from there: Aspirations and positioning strategies of migrant women in Portugal and Brazil <i>Marta Vilar Rosales</i>	Young female migrants negotiating mobility for transitional livelihood strategy: A new perspective on labour turnover <i>Runa Laila and Ellen Bal</i>
<b>11.15 - 11.45 Coffee break</b>	

## Thursday July 6 (continued)

<b>11.45 – 13.00 Panel sessions 3 and 4</b> <div style="text-align: right;">9<sup>th</sup> floor of Main Building of VU</div>	
<b>Panel 3: Transnational migration and changing gender roles</b> <div style="text-align: right;">Room HG09-A32</div>	<b>Panel 4: Gender dynamics in trade, tourism and development</b> <div style="text-align: right;">Room HG09-A33</div>
Gender roles in transnational lives of Korean migrant women in the Netherlands <i>Amelia Burnham</i>	The girl effect in local realities: Malawian girls' agency <i>Hanneke Pot</i>
Engendering emplaced identities: Investigating gender role dynamics of female migrants in Ghana <i>Helen Vallianatos</i>	Crossing romantic borders: Jewish female tourists and local Arab men in Sinai <i>Darya Maoz</i>
Permanence pending: How Chinese temporary migrants hope to stay in the UK through relationships <i>Candice Hiu-Yan Yu</i>	Adventure, opportunity and necessity: Gender dynamics in the illegal alcohol trade of Uganda <i>Tim van de Meerendonk and Danse de Bondt</i>
<b>13:00-14:00 Lunch Break</b>	

## Thursday July 6 (continued)

<b>14.00 – 15.30 Panel sessions 5 and 6</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> floor of Main Building of VU	
<b>Panel 5: Migration and sex work</b> Room HG09-A32	<b>Panel 6: On- and offline mobilities</b> Room HG09-A33
¿Mi Cuerpo? ¡Mi Vida! Voicing Latin American transgenders in Antwerp's sex industry <i>Julie Rausenberger</i>	Gendered mobility across offline and online contexts in southeast Turkey <i>Elisabetta Costa</i>
Can the Black sex worker speak!? Postcolonial bodies in transnational sex work between vulnerability and resistance: Nigerian sex workers in Barcelona <i>Carmen Glink Buján</i>	The gendered experiences of (im)mobility: An ethnographic case study on media-use in Iraqi refugee households in Jordan <i>Mirjam Twigt</i>
'Smart' loving in constrained environments: Negotiating social and economic mobility in urban Sierra Leone <i>Luisa Schneider</i>	Sexy selfies and gender (dis)play: (Im)mobilities in youth peer cultures on social media in Chile <i>Irene Arends</i>

## Thursday July 6 (continued)

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee and Tea break	
16.00 – 17.00 Panel sessions 7 and 8 at 9 <sup>th</sup> floor of Main Building of VU	
<b>Panel 7: Caring responsibilities of migrant women</b> Room HG09-A32	<b>Panel 8: Migration and changing masculinities</b> Room HG09-A33
Feminist refractions from translocal China: Gender, (im)mobilities and care <i>Ellen Judd</i>	At home and away: Change of family centered roles of Estonian men working in Finland <i>Keiu Telve</i>
Care, agency and the self in Latin American female migrants' experiences on mobility <i>Silvia Bofill Poch</i>	"I'm a nothing man": Negotiating gender in the context of mixed-immigration status families and immigration enforcement <i>Melanie Griffiths</i>

20.00 Public event in ATRIA, organized by LOVA, the Worldhouse and ATRIA

### ***Resilient Women: Gender and Migration in the Netherlands***

With the participation of Louma Nourallah (from Syria), Palwasha Muhammad Hassan (from Afghanistan), Cindy (from Uganda), Ratna Saptari (Indonesian Worker's Union), Esther de Jong (ATRIA).

Moderator: Marina de Regt (VU/LOVA)

Venue: Atria, Vijzelstraat 20, in Amsterdam City Centre

<https://www.atria.nl/en/calendar/resilient-women-gender-and-migration-netherlands>



**Institute on gender equality  
and women's history**

## Friday July 7

<b>9.30 - 11.15 Panel session 8 and film screenings</b> at 9 <sup>th</sup> floor of Main Building of VU	
<b>Panel 9: Transnational migration in Europe and Asia</b> Room HG09-A32	<b>Film screenings: African Migrations</b> Room HG09-A33
Mobile gender - Im/mobile perceptions for gender: Albanian immigrants in Greece's economic crisis <i>Maria Panteleou</i>	<i>These objects, those memories,</i> (30 min., 2015) a split-screen film of 30 minutes on long-term Zimbabwean female migrants in Cape Town, South Africa <i>Roger Horn (not present)</i>
Transnational professional migrants and their personal lives ... a sample of transnational, non-single professional female lead-migrants who work in Hong Kong <i>Annie Hau-nung Chan</i>	<i>Becky's Journey'</i> (24 min., 2014) about Becky, a 26 year old Nigerian woman who has made two attempts to go to Europe to sell sex in the hopes of changing her life <i>Sine Plambech (not present)</i>
	Discussion about the two films
<b>11.15 - 11.45 Coffee break</b>	



## Friday July 7 (continued)

<b>11.45 – 13.00 Panel sessions 10 and 11</b> <div style="text-align: right;">9<sup>th</sup> floor of Main Building of VU</div>	
<b>Panel 10: Marriage, mobility and immobility</b> <div style="text-align: right;">Room HG09-A32</div>	<b>Panel 11: Religious practices and mobilities</b> <div style="text-align: right;">Room HG09-A33</div>
Narrating marriage: Negotiating practices and politics of belonging of Afghan return migrants <i>Marieke van Houte</i>	The children of Shah Ali: The Other Mobility beyond the statist imaginary <i>Mishu Abu Hasan</i>
Gender, marriage, and the dynamic of (im)mobility in transnational families in mid-western Nepal <i>Ina Zharkevich</i>	Mobile pilgrims, mobile water: What the fluidity of water reveals about gender relations in India <i>Catrien Notermans</i>
Education for marriage: The role of higher education in rural-urban marriage markets in Hubei province, China <i>Willy Sier</i>	Cultural-religious movements: Dutch women converting to Islam <i>Lieke Schrijvers</i>
	Conversion to Islam: Marriage and mobility <i>Vanessa Vroon-Najem</i>

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch (VU Canteen)

During the lunch LOVA-members are invited to attend the **General Assembly of LOVA** (separate table in the VU canteen)

## Friday July 7 (continued)

<b>14.00 – 15.30 Panel sessions 12 and 13</b>	
at 9 <sup>th</sup> floor of Main Building of VU	
<b>Panel 12: Sex and gender</b>	<b>Panel 13: Gendered mobilities in two different contexts</b>
Rooms HG09-A32	Room HG09-A33
Mind the (gender) gap: Sexual harassment on the London Underground: Negotiating risk and freedom on urban public transport. <i>Sian Lewis</i>	Gendered mobility in a minefield in Northwest Cambodia <i>Jean Chapman</i>
Sex testing policies for female athletes and nationalistic and racialized discourses on purity <i>Mel Ferrara</i>	Indigenous women migrants in Panama: Identity “mobilities” of gender and ethnicity? <i>Eugenia Rodriguez Blanco</i>
Wonder and femininities: Transgender experiences in mobility <i>Barbara Arisi and Younes Saramifar</i>	
<b>15.30 – 16.00 Coffee and Tea break</b>	

16.00 – 17.00 Keynote lecture by **Dr. Naomi van Stapele** (post-doc VU/UvA):

***Geographies of Fear: Masculinities, Belonging and Im/mobility in the Context of Police Killings***

Discussant: **Dr. Lorraine Nencel (VU)**

Venue: room HG10-A00, 10<sup>th</sup> floor of VU Main Building

17.00 – 17.30 **LOVA/Marjan Rens Master’s Thesis Award Ceremony and Closing words**

17.30 Drinks at the Basket (café at the VU Campus)