

Editorial

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The year of 2019 was special for LOVA, because we celebrated the 40th anniversary of our network of feminist anthropologists. Our network represents forty years of scholarly activism that worked hard to include women as researchers and lecturers at the universities in The Netherlands, and women and gender as research topics in anthropological projects. To reflect on the forty year-existence of our network, we arranged an interview with some of the founding and leading members of the network: Joke Schrijvers, Karin Willemse and Ina Keuper. In the report you can read how they look back at five decades of feminism in the Netherlands and their own involvement in LOVA. On top of that, Ina Keuper went through the archives of LOVA Journal and shares some of her findings.

In this 40th issue of the LOVA Journal, we furthermore present two research articles. Vanbasten de Aurújo carefully takes us through the entangled mother-son experiences with Fibromyalgia. His auto-ethnographic account analyses how gender and sexuality intertwined with our biomedical narratives. Allison Atis on her turn shares her research results on the representation of radio disk jockeys in Manila, the Philippines. Her article explores how female radio hosts are visualised and talked about, and analyses this as an attempt to capitalize on the beauty of female radio DJs.

As always, we present fieldwork experiences, this time by Arshi Jahan and Suborna Carmellia. They critically reflect on what ethnographic field research has done for their research projects and for them as researchers themselves. Their contributions reiterate the transforming experience that fieldwork can offer.

We proudly share with you the reports of the so many LOVA activities we had in 2019. There is a report on the annual LOVA-day,

which was themed *Gender Moves*, and where we celebrated our 40th anniversary. On that day Willy Jansen handed out the Marjan Rens LOVA Master's Thesis Award 2019 and her speech is published in this issue as well. Participants of the LOVA International Summer School 2019 offer some reflections on their time in Amsterdam. On top of that all, we also report on the PhD Speed Date event and the panel session that LOVA co-organised in the EASA workshop *Is Gender Dangerous?*

Wishing that you will enjoy reading this 40th volume of LOVA Journal, we hope for your continuous engagement with our network. We look forward to the next forty years!