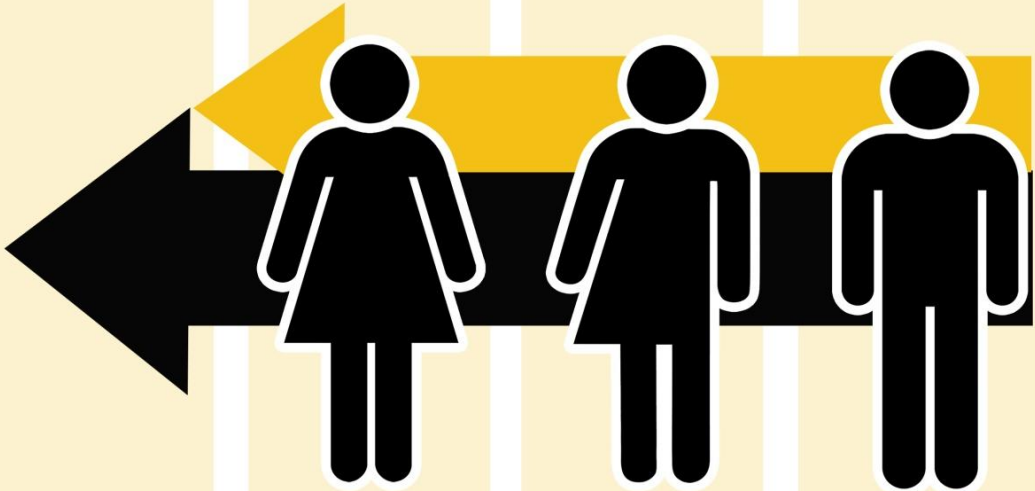




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Wednesday July 5

- 11.00 – 16.00 Registration
Room: HG14-A20, 14th 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), 14th floor, A-wing
<https://www.vu.nl/en/>

Thursday July 6

9.30 - 11.15 Panel sessions 1 and 2 9 th floor of Main Building of VU	
Panel 1: Women crossing borders with objects. A material approach to female motilities' (pre-organized panel) Room HG09-A32	Panel 2: Migration, mobility and young women in Bangladesh (pre-organized panel) Room HG09-A33
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 Nencel</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>
11.15 - 11.45 Coffee break	

Thursday July 6 (continued)

11.45 – 13.00 Panel sessions 3 and 4	
9 th floor of Main Building of VU	
Panel 3: Transnational migration and changing gender roles Room HG09-A32	Panel 4: Gender dynamics in trade, tourism and development Room HG09-A33
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>
13:00-14:00 Lunch Break	

Thursday July 6 (continued)

14.00 – 15.30 Panel sessions 5 and 6	
9 th floor of Main Building of VU	
Panel 5: Migration and sex work Room HG09-A32	Panel 6: On- and offline mobilities 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 th floor of Main Building of VU	
Panel 7: Caring responsibilities of migrant women Room HG09-A32	Panel 8: Migration and changing masculinities 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

9.30 - 11.15 Panel session 8 and film screenings at 9 th floor of Main Building of VU	
Panel 9: Transnational migration in Europe and Asia Room HG09-A32	Film screenings: African Migrations 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
11.15 - 11.45 Coffee break	

Friday July 7 (continued)

11.45 – 13.00 Panel sessions 10 and 11	
9 th floor of Main Building of VU	
Panel 10: Marriage, mobility and immobility Room HG09-A32	Panel 11: Religious practices and mobilities Room HG09-A33
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)

14.00 – 15.30 Panel sessions 12 and 13	
at 9 th floor of Main Building of VU	
Panel 12: Sex and gender	Panel 13: Gendered mobilities in two different contexts
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>	
15.30 – 16.00 Coffee and Tea break	

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, 10th 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)