

Genderweek 2022 Promotional texts

From the 7th until the 12th of March 2022, VUB RHEA – the Research Centre on Gender, Diversity and Intersectionality – is organizing its annual Genderweek in light of International Women’s Day (March 8th). This week is filled with events reflecting on topics of gender and diversity related to film, settler-colonialism, urban space and more. Other events will address issues of gender inequality within the academic world. We are hosting an interesting range of interesting speakers from the academic world as well as activists and other important voices. This will certainly allow for discussions and food for thought. The full programme of the RHEA Genderweek 2022 can be found on our website. Make sure to register for the events quickly!

Website: <https://rhea.research.vub.be/nl/events>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/rhea.centrumgenderdiversiteit>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/rheagenderanddiversity/>

Machteld De Metsenaere Lecture on Film, Gender and Politics in Afghanistan: reflections from director Sahraa Karimi

Afghan film director Sahraa Karimi will give an online lecture on the experiences of artists under the Afghan regime and the protection of their artistic freedom. As the first woman to lead the Afghan Film Organization and a woman who has, herself, fled Afghanistan, she has first-hand insight of the life experiences of Afghan artists. The lecture by Karimi will be followed by a discussion with Gie Goris on the role that film and art can have within contexts of political and societal change.

Details

Monday 7/03/2022

Time: 18.00-20.00

Location: Online

This free event is organized by VUB RHEA, Fatima Mernissi Chair, VUB Crosstalks & Kaaitheater

Links to be shared:

Website and event registration: <https://rhea.research.vub.be/nl/genderweek-machteld-de-metsenaere-lecture-on-film-gender-and-politics-in-afghanistan-reflections>

Facebook event: <https://fb.me/e/1pjpBDR6O>

Filmscreening 'Hava, Maryam, Ayesha': screening and panel discussion on artistic practice as a platform for political change

'Hava, Maryam, Ayesha', directed by Sahraa Karimi, is the first independent Afghan film entirely shot in Kabul with director, actors, and actresses living in Afghanistan. The film follows the lives of three Afghan women from different social background, living in Kabul, who are facing big challenges. The film screening will be followed by a discussion between Sahraa Karimi and Mahdieh Fahimi on the importance of women’s participation – both socially and culturally – in a patriarchal society fragmented by decades of violence and political instability.

Details

Tuesday 8/03/2022

Time: 19.00-21.30

Location: Bozar

This event is organized by VUB RHEA, Fatima Mernissi Chair, Bozar, VUB Crosstalks & Kaaitheater

Links to be shared:

Website: <https://rhea.research.vub.be/nl/genderweek-filmscreening-hava-maryam-ayeshe>

Registration: <https://www.bozar.be/en/calendar/hava-maryam-ayesha-sahraa-karimi>

Facebook event: <https://fb.me/e/1EYq9BCa9>

ELO Session: Horizon Europe and the gender dimension in research

Are you a researcher interested in preparing a Horizon Europe project proposal? Join this interactive session and learn from pertinent speakers on how to integrate within your project the award criteria aspect of the gender dimension within research. The objective is three-fold:

- Enhanced know-how and clarity on what is the gender dimension of research
- Better understanding of how to integrate and make relevant use of this award criteria in your research project
- Better grasp of the different aspects of gender requests in preparing a research project proposal

Understanding these aspects, will lead to an enriched research content of your research project proposal.

Speakers will include EU representative(s) from relevant institutions, as well as VUB and EUTOPIA researchers, who will share their experiences.

The format of the session will allow, next to the presentation of the speakers, interaction through Q&A session, moderated by the European Liaison Office of VUB. For more information, please contact Cristina Macovei Cristina.macovei@vub.be

N.B. On 10 March, a EUTOPIA session on gender equality plans at higher education institutions is organized by Cergy University. More information will be soon available on the EUTOPIA and VUB communication channels.

Details

Tuesday

8/03/2022

Time:

13.00-14.30

Location: Online

This free event is organized by VUB RHEA and the European Liaison Office of VUB.

Links to be shared:

Website + registration form: <https://rhea.research.vub.be/nl/genderweek2022-elo-session-horizon-europe-and-the-gender-dimension-in-research>

Bystander workshop 'act against sexual harassment' for students

Harassment and sexual violence should not have a place at the university and other educational settings, nor in our society as a whole. One tool that has proven to be effective when it comes to harassment prevention, is bystander intervention training. Juliette Sanchez-Lambert, one of the authors of the book "It's not that grey", will give a workshop on how to act against harassment as a bystander. This workshop provides information on how to identify harassment and be aware of its warning signs, concrete tools and methods to intervene as a bystander and how to create positive change by changing the culture around harassment and sexual violence in your own surroundings. This workshop is open to students of all genders.

Details

Tuesday 9/03/2022

Time: 17:00-18:30

Location: Online

This free event is organized by the VUB Equality Team, VUB RHEA and Brussels School of Governance

Links to be shared:

Website: <https://rhea.research.vub.be/nl/bystander-workshop-act-against-sexual-harassment-for-students-0>

Feminist and queer solidarities with Palestine: lecture by Mikki Stelder and Haneen Maikey

This lecture, given by Palestinian activist Haneen Maikey and dr. Mikki Stelder, will discuss the imposition of gender and sexual norms within settler-colonialism. This lecture is organized as part of an inter-university lecture caravan on Palestine, following the solidarity campaign with Palestinian protests. Maikey and Stelder will look specifically at the instrumentalization of gay rights in the context of Israel's settler colonial occupation in Palestine and discuss how a queer and feminist perspective can add to our understanding of settler-colonialism. This topic will be put into the broader context of colonialism and transnational feminist and queer solidarities.

Details

Wednesday 9/03/2022

Time: 10.00-12.00

Location: Online

This free lecture is part of a lecture series together with colleagues from UGENT, UA, KUL and the ULB, and organized by RHEA, EDGE and BSoG VUB and with support from the Global Minds Fund.

Links to be shared:

Website and registration: <https://rhea.research.vub.be/nl/genderweek-feminist-and-queer-solidarities-a-lecture-part-of-the-inter-university-lecture-caravan-on>

Facebook event: <https://fb.me/e/1DPQsoMEV>

Womxn**in****academia**

Womxn in Academia is an open and informal group of people who identify as womxn and work in academia. We come together regularly to share experiences of working in an environment that is dominated by White men, discuss daily tactics of how to deal with issues of motivation and belonging, or discrimination, harassment or invisibilization, and support each other in our work at the university. When needed and possible, we organize meetings on particular issues that need policy attention. The event during the Genderweek will specifically focus on the experiences of working as womxn in academia during the global pandemic and the aim and organization of the Womxn in Academia group.

Wednesday 9/03/2022

Time: 14.00-15.30

Location: Online

Links to be shared:

Website and registration: <https://rhea.research.vub.be/nl/genderweek-womxn-in-academia>

Facebook event: <https://fb.me/e/4mITu2Stv>

Bioethics, multi-parenting and new forms of relationships**(This event will be in Dutch)**

In the care of underage patients, the legislator as well as the bioethicist dedicate an important role to the parents of the child. Parents function as the representatives of minors as long as they do not have sufficient competence and maturity. Implicitly, the interpretation given to parenthood in this regard relies heavily on a heteronormative view, in which two heterosexual parents who have a first-degree genetic relationship with the child act as representatives. New forms of relationships and cohabitation (same-sex relationships, polyamory, transnational relationships) and new reproductive technologies are increasingly putting pressure on that interpretation.

In this panel, we address the clinical, social, and legal questions that are emerging as a result of these changes. What makes someone a parent? Is the number of possible parents unlimited? Is the concept of parenthood still useful in bioethics and healthcare?

The panel will be composed of, amongst others, Amal Miri (Ugent), Noëmie Willemen (UCL) en Siggie Vertommen (Ugent) and moderated by Dirk Lafaut and Katrien De Graeve.

Details

Thursday 10/03/2022

Time: 16.00-18.00

Location: VUB Campus Etterbeek, Promotion Room

This free event is organized by VUB RHEA, ECSO and Cyclus Biomedische Ethiek UZ Brussel

Location: VUB Campus Etterbeek, Promotion Room (this event will be livestreamed)

Links to be shared:

Website and registration: <https://rhea.research.vub.be/nl/genderweek-bio-ethiek-multiouderschap-en-nieuwe-relatievormen>

Building feminist cities: an intersectional approach to mobility - Colloquium with Leslie Kern, Apolline Vranken and others – THIS EVENT IS SOLD OUT

Our cities in general, including stations and concepts of mobility, are often designed by men. There is little consideration for women as mothers, workers or carers. The urban streets are at times places of threat rather than community. But what would a more inclusive metropolis in general, and a station specifically, look like? This question will be reflected on in a colloquium with Canadian academic Leslie Kern, architect Apolline Vranken and others, discussing three European cities Brussels, Amsterdam and Vienna.

Details

Thursday 10/03/2022

Time: 19.00-21.30

Location: KVS

This event is organized by RHEA VUB, EUROPALIA, KVS and deBuren

Links to be shared:

Website: <https://rhea.research.vub.be/nl/genderweek-building-feminist-cities-an-intersectional-approach-to-mobility>

Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/637123147555952/?ref=newsfeed>

Registration:

https://www.kvs.be/fr/agenda/808/Europalia_deBuren_Rhea_VUB_KVS/Building_feminist_cities_a_n_intersectional_approach_to_mobility

Women in science day 2022: gender-fair recruitment in academia

How can we recognize implicit biases and improve gender balance during recruitment processes in academia? Several speakers from FWO, FNRS, Belgian universities, and others will reflect on the challenges of gender-fair recruitment and provide tips and tricks. This meeting is targeted at young researchers, supervisors and faculty members, selection committees, diversity teams of universities and research funding agencies.

Details

Friday 11/03/2022

Time: 12.00-17.00

Location: Universitaire Stichting

This free event is organized by BeWiSe in partnership with VUB RHEA.

Links to be shared:

Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/285970110291060/?ref=newsfeed>

Website: http://www.bewise.be/events?fbclid=IwAR0d71S-BlhB0oG8AqTB8eK0LjzCfrfLvW_E0SdusQmf4HjR-KVIt2SowM

(This event will be in Dutch)

'LIJF-elijk ANDERS' is a photo exhibition and vernissage by photographer and cultural scientist Hilde Braet, which explores the boundaries of 'women' with a 'disability' and their experience of sexuality. With this exhibition, Braet wants to challenge dominant discourses and images on female sexuality. This festive opening of the exhibition will include several speeches, a panel discussion with the models and a presentation of the accompanying photo book.

Details:

Saturday 12/03/2022

Time: 16.00-19.00

Location: HuisvandeMens Brussel

This event is organized by Humanistisch Verbond Brussels Hoofdstedelijk Gewest and huisvandeMens Brussel in partnership with Aditi vzw and VUB RHEA.

Links to be shared:

Facebook event: <https://fb.me/e/1ALAEfiYO>

Website: <https://www.humanistischverbond.be/activiteiten/info-vernissage-van-de-fototentoonstelling-lijf-elijk-anders/>

Registration:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScaxLDbJJv9qSFDMLq_dgHFKbHVMF9ixvk4gvO095-MJ6PJew/viewform