2nd Academic Seminar MAP-FGM

“Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting at the intersection of qualitative, quantitative and mixed method research – Experiences from Africa and Europe”

**Aim:** Discuss the added value of research in the campaign towards abandoning FGM, the do’s and don'ts and propose recommendations for researching FGM/C

**Date and venue:** Thursday June 8 – Friday June 9 2017, Hotel Bloom, Rue Royale 250/Koningstraat 250, 1210 Brussels, Belgium, [www.hotelbloom.com](http://www.hotelbloom.com)

**Thursday June 8 2017**

09.00h – 09.30  **Registration and coffee**

09h30 – 10.00h  **Opening session - Chair: Els Leye, Project coordinator MAP FGM project VUB-RHEA**

Karin Vanderkerken, Vice Dean Research VUB

Gily Coene, director RHEA, Centre of Expertise Gender, Diversity and Intersectionality – Aims and research of RHEA

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10.00h – 11.30h  **Session 1: The crucial role of research on FGM – Chair: Magaly Thill, Universidad Rey Juan Carlos, Spain**

10.00h – 10.15h  Christina Palitto, World Health Organisation, Geneva, Switzerland – Gaps in research on FGM

10.15h – 10.30h  Sophie Withaeckx, RHEA, Centre of Expertise Gender, Diversity and Intersectionality, Belgium – Researching FGM: the need for an intersectional perspective

10.30h – 10h.45  Tammary Esho, African Coordinating Centre for the Abandonment of FGM/C and Population Council, Kenya – What works: Effectiveness of interventions to end FGM/C
10h45 – 11h00   Q & A
11h00 – 11h30:   Coffee break
11h30 – 12.30h  Session 2: Qualitative research methods to assess influence of migration regarding FGM – Chair: Ricardo Falcão, Instituto Universitário de Lisboa, Portugal

11.30h – 11.45h  Vanja Bergren, Medical Faculty Lund University and Division Global Health, Karolinska Institute, Sweden – Perceptions and experiences of female genital mutilation after migration to Sweden. An explorative study

11.45h – 12.00h  Sandrine Mesplé-Somps & Idrissa Diabate. Institut de Recherche pour le Développement, Paris School of Economics and Université Paris-Dauphine. FGM and migration in Mali. Do migrants transfer social norms?

12.00h – 12.30  Q&A
12.30 h – 13.30h  Lunch

13h30 – 14h45  Session 3a: Qualitative research and mixed methods – Chair: Michela Fusaschi, Universita Roma Tre, Italy

13h30 – 13h45  Annemarie Middelburg, Human Rights Law Consultancy, the Netherlands - Research in Senegal on the transposition of the international human rights framework regarding FGM/C; interviews and document analysis

13h45 – 14h00  Sarah O’Neill, Tropical Institute Antwerp, Belgium – Mixed methods study exploring men’s involvement in FGM in Belgium, the Netherlands and the UK – Belgium

14h00 – 14h15  Gebremariam Kidanu Meles, College of Health Sciences, Mekelle University, Ethiopia - Prevalence and associated factors with female genital cutting among young adolescent female students in Jigiga District, Somali Regional State, Ethiopia

14h15 – 14h45  Q&A
14h45 – 15h15  Coffee break
15h15 – 17h00  
**Session 3b: Qualitative research and mixed methods – Chair: Jacinta Muteshi, Population Council, Kenya**

15h15 – 15h30  
Hazel Baret, Coventry University, UK – **The challenges of implementing a behaviour change approach to ending FGM in the UK: Lessons learnt from the REPLACE Project**

15h30 – 15h45  
Gbadebo Babatunde, Department of Epidemiology and Medical Statistics, University of Ibadan, Nigeria - **Changes in intergenerational attitude to Female Genital Cutting in Nigeria: Lessons learnt from quantitative and qualitative analyses of primary and secondary data**

15h50 – 16h10  
Diana Geraci, Pharos, Centre of Expertise Health Disparities, the Netherlands – **A blueprint of researching FGM in countries of asylum. A case study of Syria.**

16h10 - 16h30  
Sioban O'Brien Green, Trinity College Dublin, Trinity Research in Childhood Centre, Ireland – **Organising Focus Groups: process and logistics – EIGE FGM risk study in Ireland**

16h30 – 17h  
**Q&A**

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**Friday June 9 2017**

09h30 – 11h30  
**Session 4a: Quantitative research and mixed methods – Chair: Kidanu Meles, Mekelle University, Ethiopia**

09h30 – 09h50  
Bettina Shell-Duncan, Department of Anthropology, University of Washington, USA - **Considerations on the use and interpretation of survey data on FGM/C (video)**

09h50 – 10h10  
Adriana Kaplan, Wassu-UAB Foundation, Autonomous University Barcelona, Spain - **FGM-surveys on knowledge, attitudes and practices KAP in the Gambia**

10h10 – 10h30  
Mai Mahgoub Ziyada, Norwegian Knowledge Centre for Violence and Traumatic Stress Studies, Norway – **Estimating the prevalence of female genital mutilation in Norway**

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**Q&A**
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