

Imagining Gender Futures in Uganda IMAGENU Project

Research Workshop 25-27 January 2021

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This workshop is the Third annual workshop organised by the IMAGENU Project, a four-year research collaboration bringing together researchers from Gulu University (Uganda), Aarhus University and Copenhagen University in Denmark. This project is supported by the Research Council for Development Research in Denmark and aims to build research capacity in Universities between the global North and South.

The main focus of IMAGENU lies on studying changes in marriage and partnership patterns and interpersonal gender relations in northern and eastern Uganda and how these are related to child filiation, education, livelihoods and health.

The theme of this year's workshop is GENDER and we meet to share findings, work on our common methodologies and plan collaboration for publications and conferences. Due to COVID-19 this year's workshop takes place on zoom from Denmark and is partly on site and online in Gulu.

We have three external international keynotes with us for this workshop: Prof. Julia Pauli, Prof. Lyn Ossome and Prof. Shanti Parikh.

The IMAGENU management meeting will be held after the workshop on zoom.

The researchers in the workshop submit papers (max. 5000 words) by January 20th to leave time for discussants and colleagues to read before the workshop.

The tentative program is as follows:

Programme IMAGENU 2021 DK time / Ugandan time	Session	In charge/ Chair
Monday 25th January 2020		
9:00 – 9:30/ 11.00-11.30	Arrivals and Registration (soft landing)	Godfrey
9:30 – 10:30/ 11.30- 12.30	Welcome and opening of the workshop Julaina OBIKA, Workshop organizer Dr. Aloysius Malagala, Director, IPSS Associated Prof. David Okello Owing, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs Gulu University (GU) Professor Lotte MEINERT, Principal Investigator, IMAGENU Introduction of participants Go through the programme	Stephen
10.30 – 11.00/ 12.30- 13.00:	Tea/ Coffee break/ Lunch	
11.00 – 13.00/ 13.00- 15.00	<u>Short- and Long-Term Marriage Changes</u> Presentations of 3 research papers (20 minutes presentation, 5 minutes discussant and 15 minutes general discussion) Rose Atim – <i>The ambiguity of marriage laws and engraining of gender inequality among formerly abducted women in Northern Uganda.</i> (discussant: Susan R Whyte) Mary Ejang – <i>The shifting patterns of customary marriage and gender relations in post-conflict Lango sub-region, northern Uganda.</i> (discussant: Michael Whyte) Jimmy Otim – <i>Marriage, gender relations and the struggle for social maturity in contemporary Acholi society</i> (discussant: Anna Baral)	Nanna

13.00-13.30 / 15.00-15.30	Lunch / Tea/Coffee Break	
13.30 – 15:00 / 15.30 – 17.00	Kenynote lecture – Julia Pauli (Hamburg University) INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF MARRIAGE IN NAMIBIA Discussant: Lioba Lenhart	Lotte
15:00-15.30 / 17.00-17.30	tea & socializing	
Tuesday 26th January 2020		
8.15-8.30 / 10.15-10.30	Arrivals and Registration / morning tea	Godfrey
8.30 - 10.00 / 10.30 – 12.00	<u>Gender, status and social expectations</u> Presentations of 3 researcher papers (10-15 minutes presentation, 5 minutes discussant and 10 minutes general discussion). Irene Auma – <i>The impact of factors affecting the quality of girl child secondary education in Northern Uganda. A case study of Gulu District.</i> (discussant: Nashwinder Kaur) Lotte Meinert – “ <i>We are both educated, but...</i> ”. <i>Expectations to partnerships and realities of gender and child trouble</i> (discussant: Julaina Obika) Daniel Komakech – <i>Inter-racial Marriages as Resistance to Sexual Racism Post-colonial Ambiguity and Displacement</i> (discussant: Hanne Mogensen)	Anna
10.00 – 10.30 / 12.00 – 12.30	Tea/ Coffee break	
10:30 – 12.30 / 12.30 – 14.30	<u>Gender in Reproductive and Mental health</u> Presentations of research projects (15 minutes), 5 minutes discussant and 20 minutes general discussion.	Hanne

	<p>Nashwinder Kaur – <i>Partner Involvement in pregnancy and maternity care in Uganda</i> (discussant: Daniel Komakech)</p> <p>Susan Achiro – <i>Child sex preference in birth and its implications on gender reproductive health in northern Uganda</i> (discussant: Nanna Schneidermann)</p> <p>Lioba Lenhart – <i>Turning points – a gendered path to mental health</i> (discussant: Mary Ejang)</p> <p>Susan Whyte and Henry Oboke – <i>Gender Configurations and Suicide in Northern Uganda</i> (discussant: Steven Langole)</p>	
12.30 – 13.30 / 14.30 -15.30	Lunch	
13.30 -15:00 / 15.30 – 17.00	<p>Keynote Lecture: Lyn Ossome (Makerere Institute of Social Research)</p> <p>COVID-19, THE CARE ECONOMY AND THE STATE: LESSONS FROM UGANDA</p> <p>Discussant: Julaina Obika</p>	Lotte
15:00 – 15.30/17.00 - 17.30	Tea/ Coffee Break / winding down	
Wednesday 27th January 2020		
9:00 – 9:30 / 11.00-11.30	Arrivals and Registration / morning tea/coffee	Godfrey
9:30 – 11.00 / 11.30 – 13.00	<p><u>Money, desires and gender ideals</u></p> <p>Presentations of 3 papers (15 minutes presentation, 5 minutes discussant and 10 minutes general discussion).</p> <p>Julaina Obika and Hanne Mogensen – <i>Comparing men’s and women’s thoughts about marriage and money in relation to labor migration in the Middle East</i> (discussant: Rose Atim)</p>	Daniel

	<p>Nanna Schneidermann – <i>Consuming desires and provider dreams: gendered encounters in wedding videography production in Gulu</i> (discussant: Jimmy Otim)</p> <p>Anna Baral – “Gavumenti <i>where are you?</i>”: <i>intersections between intimacy and the nation in Uganda</i> (discussant: Lioba Lenhart)</p>	
11.00 – 12.30 / 13.00-14.30	Lunch	
12.30 – 14.30/ 14.30- 16.30 (with 20’ break when suitable)	<p>Discussing special issue based on the workshop</p> <p>Future Plans</p> <p>Wrap-up</p>	<p>Lotte</p> <p>Anna</p> <p>Nanna</p>
14.30 – 15.00 / 16.30 – 17.00	<u>Coffee/Tea Break</u>	
15.00 – 16.30 / 17.00 – 18.30	<p>Keynote lecture: Shanti Parikh (Washington University in St. Louis)</p> <p>Wives, Lovers, and Sex Workers: Feminist Imaginations of Desire in Racialized Global Capitalism</p> <p>Discussant: Lotte Meinert</p>	Julaina
16.30 – 17.00 / 18.30 – 19.00	Wrap-up	