The 9th FOKO Conference

Female Genital Cutting

*The Global North & South*

26-28 October 2018

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**Venue**

Åkersberg, Höör, Sweden

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**Organizers**

Malmö University

Uppsala University

with support from

*Centre for Sexology and Sexuality Studies, Malmö University*

*Forum for Africa Studies, Uppsala University*
26th October (2pm-5pm)

14:00  Coffee and registration

15:15  Welcome
       Swedish FOKO organizers (SE)

15:30  Keynote Lecture. Tensions and Movements: Female Genital Cutting in the Global North and South, Then and Now
       Ellen Gruenbaum (US)

17:00  Networking & Settling in

19:00  Dinner at Åkersberg
27th October (8.30am-5pm)

FGC in local context

08:30   An assessment of the new style Bondo ceremony as an alternative rites approach for encouraging abandonment of female genital mutilation in Sierra Leone
        Owolabi Bjälkander (SE)

08:55   Changing perceptions of sunat in southern Thailand in a fragmented religious landscape
        Claudia Merli (SE)

09:20   Abandoning a culture: attitude and perspectives toward female genital cutting in Somali and Harari Regional States, Eastern Ethiopia
        Asresash Demissie Abathun (NO)

09:45   Coffee break

10:15   Is the ritual of female genital mutilation an event that in general will generate a traumatic stress reaction for cut children? Cases from the Gambia.
        Inger-Lise Lien (NO)

10:40   Activist men against Female Genital Cutting in Somaliland: Discursive constructions of FGC practices, gender norms and gender order
        Maria Väkiparta (FI)

FGC in healthcare in the North

11:05   Somali and Kurdish women’s utilization of maternity care and the outcome of their pregnancies in Finland
        Farhia Mohamed & Lara Lehtoranta (FI)

11:30   What do we know about defibulation? Guidelines and evidence
        Hala Younis & Lisen Dellenborg (SE)

12:00   Lunch
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13:30 Care seeking for female genital mutilation among young Somalis in Norway
Vivian N. Mbanya (NO)

13:55 Professionalism & practice: safeguarding of best practices of genital examinations and equality before the law
Birgitta Essén (SE)

FGC and quality of research
14:20 Improving data collection on female genital mutilation/cutting FGM/C in Finland
Reija Klemetti (FI)

Discussion
14:45 Discussion

15:00 Coffee break

Discourses on FGC, part 1
15:30 Mutilated bodies, maimed femininities? Circumcised women in Swedish public health discourse, NGO rhetoric and African feminist fiction
Hilda Härgestam Strandberg (SE)

15:55 FGM – media’s blind spot?
Johanna Latvala (FI)

16:20 Dis-integrating mind from the body. Sexual-health counselling targeting young women with FGC in Sweden
Camilla Larsson Palm (SE)

Discussion
16:45 Discussion

19:00 Dinner at Åkersberg
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Discourses on FGC, part 2

08:30  Moving beyond the dualism? Perceptions on genital cutting of boys and girls among Swedish-Somalis and Norwegian-Kurds
       Ingvild Lunde (NO) & Anna Wahlberg (SE)

08:55  FGM and the construction of sexuality. The case of southern Somalia
       Francesca Declich (IT/FI)

09:20  “The clitoris is in the head!” Female circumcision and the making of a harmful cultural practice in Egypt
       Maria Malmström (SE)

09:45  Coffee break

FGC and transnational movement

10:15  Transnational relations and FGM/C
       Elise R Johansen (NO)

10:40  What difference makes the Convention on the Rights of the Child as new law in Sweden for girls who are at risk of undergoing Female Genital Mutilation?
       Vanja Berggren (SE)

11:05  Rethinking Female Genital Cutting: From culturalist to structuralist framework for challenging violence against women
       Emmaleena Käkela (FI)

11:30  ‘Female genital mutilation’ in the Global North: risk factors for triggering the child protection and forensic systems
       Sara Johnsdotter (SE)

12:00  Lunch
Discussion ‘Hot topics’ and next FOKO

13:30  Hot Topics Discussion
       Camilla Larsson Palm & Anna Wahlberg (SE)

14:30  Future directions for the FOKO network (choosing of next host)

15:00  Coffee and goodbye