

PROGRAM

The 9th FOKO Conference

Female Genital Cutting

The Global North & South

26-28 October 2018

Venue

Åkersberg, Höör, Sweden

Organizers

Malmö University

Uppsala University

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Centre for Sexology and Sexuality Studies, Malmö University

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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

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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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28th October (8:30am-3pm)

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

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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