

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS:

### **Women's embodiment and health: lived experiences**

17th January - 18th January 2023

Tilburg University, Tilburg, The Netherlands

Investigating women's experiences of their health remain significant for developing a more gender sensitive medicine and for gender equality in general. Such personal experiences are enmeshed with socio-cultural meanings while at the same time, they are often taboo and surrounded by silence. This symposium, arranged by WoMaHN - Women's Marginalized Health Network, aims to explore and discuss women's experiences of their health within their socio-cultural contexts.

We invite contributions which broadly relate to this theme. Topics include, but are not limited to:

- Aspects of women's embodiment and health that are taboo and/or are surrounded by social silence.
- Conditions and experiences that are mislabeled and/or wherein women are stereotyped, unjustly treated, or not taken seriously.
- Experiences of conditions such as endometriosis, post-partum related complaints, vulva- and ovarian cancer, breast cancer, chronic conditions, HIV/AIDS, heart disease, stroke, osteoporosis, depression and mental ill health, vaginismus, gynaecological health, and infertility.
- Experiences of pregnancy, birth, menopause, menstruation, sexual, physical and emotional violence, motherhood, transgender health, well-being.

### **Women's Marginalized Health Network**

WoMaHN is a newly established network that gathers researchers with an interest in marginalization of women's embodiment and health from perspectives within the critical social sciences, gender studies, philosophy, and medical humanities. In light of the academic and more recent public attention that has been given to the marginalization of women's embodiment and health we seek facilitate and build research collaborations which contributes to unpack the complexities of these issues.

WoMaHN is organized by eight key members:

Marjolein de Boer, Tilburg University, the Netherlands (funder)

Lisa Guntram, Linköping University, Sweden (funder)

Birgitta Haga Gripsrud, University of Stavanger, Norway

Lisa Lindén, Chalmers University, Sweden

Jane Macnaughton, Durham University, the UK

Kari Nyheim Solbrække, University of Oslo, Norway

Cassandra Phoenix, Durham University, the UK

Petra Verdonk, Amsterdam UMC-VU, the Netherlands

**Presentations:** In addition to talks by WoMaHN's key members, the symposia will be open to 12 presentations. Each presenter will have 30 minutes at their disposal.

**Submission:** Abstracts of up to 500 words should be submitted by 30/09/23 through this online form: <https://forms.office.com/e/ZKDK69iwRN>.

Applicants will be notified of the outcome by mid October 2023.

**Registration:** Registration is required by 15/11/23. The fee for the symposium is 80 euros and this includes a reception on January 17<sup>th</sup> and a lunch and a conference dinner on January 18<sup>th</sup>. Travels and accommodation are covered by the participants themselves.

**Further information:** The symposium is held at the Faculty Club of Tilburg University in The Netherlands. The symposium starts at 12.30 on January 17 and ends with dinner on January 18.

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Information about the workshop and WoMaHN is also available at: [www.marjoleindeboer.net](http://www.marjoleindeboer.net). The website of WoMaHN will be launched soon.