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Born in 15.02.1980

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Two children

**FIELD OF EXPERTISE**

Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights; Gender Based Violence; Ethnic Minorities and Discrimination; Social Policies in the area of Healthcare and Migration.

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

**October 2019 - March 2020, Scientific Collaborator, (100%)**

Swiss Institute for Youth and Media (ISJM), Lausanne. Project "At the Crossroads of Science and Literature for Young People", scientific mediation, conception of reading/creation animation workshops (visual, textual, in connection with the current offers of the ISJM) conducted with young migrants.

**May 2016 - December 2018 (3 years, 50%), Senior Researcher – Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF)**

JASS - *Young People from Sub-Saharan Origin and Sexual Health* (SNSF 100017\_162382) Department of Social Sciences, University of Fribourg (CH). Main Applicant: Pr. Francesca Pogliamileti.

**May 2015 – April 2016, Post-doc at the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), Agence Nationale Recherche Program (ANR), (100%)**

ETHOPOL- *On the Government of Familial Feelings: Towards a Sociology of Contemporary Ethnopolitics*, (ANR-14-CE29-0002), LISST-Laboratoire Interdisciplinaire, Solidarités, Sociétés, Territoires, University of Toulouse Jean-Jaurès (FR). Main Applicant: Sébastien Roux.

**August 2012 – April 2015, (60%) Junior Researcher – Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF)**

FEMIS - *Immigrant Women from Sub-Saharan Origin and VIH*, (SNSF 100017\_140457), Department of Social Sciences, University of Fribourg (CH). Main Applicants: Pr. Pascal Singy, Pr. Francesca Pogliamileti.

**July 2011 – June 2012, Principal Investigator (50%), Department of medicine and social health (DUMSC)**

Qualitative survey "Excision and Migration: the Factors of Transmission of a Traditional Practice in Migratory Context", funded by the Department of Medicine and Social Health (DUMSC), Lausanne University Hospital (CHUV) and the National Qualification Program (BNF) of the University of Bern.

**January 2010 – December 2010, Administrative and Scientific Collaborator (60%)**

Organization of the *Summer University of Social Work in Gender and Intergenerational Relationship*, University of Applied Sciences and Arts (HESSO), Social Work, EESP, Lausanne (CH).

**February 2005 – July 2006, Junior Researcher (100%), funded by UNICEF**

In charge of the qualitative survey “Efficacy of the intercultural mediation in the healthcare access for immigrant women”. Institute for Healthcare and Scientific Research (IRCCS) - Burlo Garofolo, Office of International Health, Trieste, (IT).

**GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO SCIENCE**

**Practical skill teaching**

**2019 (5 days), Training Week** - Communication for Development within the Framework of the Project “Building Bridges Between Africa and Europe to Tackle FGM – Phase 2” (ZZJ29TEC), supported by the UNFPA/UNICEF Joint Program on Female Genital Mutilation. Training for NGOs, AIDOS, Senegal, 7-11 October.

**2016 (1/2 day), Advanced Training** “Migration, Gender and Sexual Norms. How understand and negotiate differences” Training in sexual education in a context of migration addressed to educators and sexual health counselors, ARTANES, University of Fribourg, 20<sup>th</sup> April.

**2013 (3 days), Advanced Training** “Female Genital Mutilation. Socio-cultural Aspects”, Training addressed to midwives and educators in sexuality, Service of the Multicultural Social Cohesion, Department of the Economy, Canton of Neuchâtel, February, November and December 2013.

**Technical Consultations and Independent Expertise**

**2020 Consultancy**, "Investigation on Seniors 65+ during the COVID crisis" for the Cantonal Public Health Service of Neuchâtel (July-August), carrying out the qualitative survey (25 in-depth interviews), subcontracting service within the framework of the University of Social Work Fribourg HETS-FR, July to October 2020.

**2019-2023 Expert Assessment, Consultancy**, for the Council of Europe for the provision of the international consultancy services in the area of Violence against Women and Domestic Violence and Gender Equality (GREVIO); expert in the field "Protecting the rights of migrant, refugee and asylum- seeking women and girls and combating violence against women in the context of migration and asylum."

**2019 Consultancy**, elaborating a guide on how to conduct sensitization activities using the video, developing M&E Pack within the framework of the project “Building Bridges between Africa and Europe to tackle FGM – Phase 2” (ZZJ29TEC), supported by the UNFPA/UNICEF Joint Program on Female Genital Mutilation, AIDOS, June to September 2019.

**2017 Professional Meeting**, “Tell or not to Tell VIH to Sexual Partners: The issue of Disclosure VIH+ among Sub-Saharan Women in Migratory Context” presentation with Laura Mellini in the occasion of the meeting “Talking About Intimacy and Sexuality”, PROFA, Renens, Lausanne, 31 January 2017.

**2015 Professional Meeting**, “Excision and Migration (ExM): Factors of the Transmission of a Traditional Practice in a Migratory Context”, presentation of the results of the research in the occasion of the meeting “Talking About Intimacy and Sexuality”, PROFA, Renens, Lausanne, 3 February 2015.

**2014 Consultancy** for the Swiss Committee of UNICEF “Excision and Migration (ExM): Factors of the Transmission of a Traditional Practice in a Migratory Context”, presentation of the results of the research in the occasion of the Runder Tisch “Mädchenbeschneidung und Kinderschutz”, Bern, 4 December 2014.

**EDUCATION**

**20 October 2012 - PhD in Sociology**

School for Advanced Studies in Social Sciences (EHESS), Paris, France. Institute for Interdisciplinary Research in Social Sciences (IRIS). Supervisor Michel BOZON. Distinction with highest honors

**12 October 2006 - Master in Health, Population and Social Policies.**

School for Advanced Studies in Social Sciences (EHESS), Paris, France. Supervisor Michel BOZON. Distinction

**25 October 2004 - Master in Intercultural Studies (equivalency 57/S Planning and management of social policies and services, [https://www.cun.it/uploads/3852/par\\_2009\\_04\\_23.pdf](https://www.cun.it/uploads/3852/par_2009_04_23.pdf)).**

Faculty of Arts and Humanities. University of Trieste, Italy. *Distinction : 110/110 Magna cum Laude.*

**CONTINUING EDUCATION**

**29 July to 1 August 2020, International School of Illustration** (Sarmede Italy), online course in image pedagogy and didactics **Building Knowledge. Scientific and Artistic Dissemination in Children's Books** with Prof. Marnie Campagnaro (Department of Philosophy, Sociology, Education and Applied Psychology FISPPA, University of Padova) and Prof. Nina Goga (Department of Language, Literature, Mathematics and Interpreting, Western Norway University of Applied Sciences)

**24 February to 31 August 2020, Scuola Holden, Contemporary Humanities** (Torino, Italy):

- **Story-telling** with Alessandro Avataneo, 14 online courses;
- **Reporting Real Stories** (Title "Vite, voci e storie" with Marina Gellona), 16 online courses;
- **Writing Short Stories** (Title "Il Racconto in tutti i sensi", with Francesca Manfredi) 10 online courses.

**April 2018, Department of English, Uppsala University** (Sweden), **Mastering Academic Writing, Genre-specific Writing.**

**10 September 2016, Media Training for Scientists of the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF)**

**September to June 2016 and September to December 2017, Visual Art School Basel (VASB),** Münchenstein, Switzerland.

**CAREER BREAKS/ FAMILY CAREGIVER**

**From 1 January 2011 to 4 July 2011** 6 months of unpaid parental leave after birth of first child (born 16.05.2009).

**From 1 August 2014 to 31 January 2015** 6 months of unpaid parental leave after birth of first child (born on 14.02.2014).

**From 1 January 2019 to 30 September 2019** 9 months as remote family caregiver supporting palliative and end-of-life care for my mother (deceased 18.01.2020).

**APPROVED RESEARCH PROJECTS (Independently acquired third-party funds/research projects)**

- **CAPES- Brazilian Federal Agency for Support and Evaluation of Graduate Education** Young Talent Grants (JTE) as part of the Interdisciplinary Post-graduated Program in the Human Sciences (PRINT) at the Federal University of Santa Catarina (UFSC), project title "Preventing gender discrimination, racism and violence through reparative aesthetics and gender-sensitive visual productions" from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020 to 31 August 2020, (no 14312019-00), CHF 37'500
- **Scientific Exchanges**, Swiss National Science Foundation, project title "Sexualités précaires et corps vulnérables en contextes transnationaux", from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018 to 30 June 2018, (SNSF IZSEZO\_177494), CHF 14'300

- **Bureau du Fonds de recherche du centenaire**, project title “Repairing and Retelling: the Back and Forth's Medical Journeys in the Reconstruction after FGM”, 06.06.2018, (Internal no 703), CHF 519.50
- **Bureau du Fonds de Recherche du Centenaire**, project title “Reparative Approaches in Healthcare: Taking in Account Women's Meanings of «Reparation» After FGM”, 03.10.2017, (Internal no 662), CHF 650.00
- **Internal Funding, Department of Medicine and Social Health (DUMSC)**, project title “Excision and Migration: the factors of transmission of a traditional practice in migratory context”, partially funded (01/02/2012-30/06/2012), CHF 35'000.
- **Program D4 – European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)**, Friuli Venezia-Giulia, Grant for the project on female genital mutilation within the MA at the School for Advanced Studies in Social Sciences (EHESS), Paris, (01/01/2006 -30/06/2006), EUR 15'000

#### RESEARCH PROJECTS UNDER REVIEW

- **PRIMA, Under resubmission**, Swiss National Science Foundation, “Precarious sexualities and national borders. The regulation of hybrid subjects and uncertain politics”, budget requested (SNSF PCEFP1\_194543), CHF 827'662

#### INTERNATIONAL VISITING SCHOLARSHIPS

**March – August 2020** Institute for Gender Studies (NIGS), Federal University of Santa Catarina (UFSC), Florianopolis, Brazil, supervisor Prof. Miriam Pillar Grossi, Young Talent Grants CAPES, Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Program in Human Sciences (PROPG), 6 month Fellowship (stand-by due to COVID-19).

**February – 15 June 2018** Center for Gender Research, University of Uppsala, Sweden, supervisor Prof. Gabriele Griffin, Scientific Exchange Grant of the Swiss National Science Foundation (FN-5716) 4 months (amount CHF 14'300), Spring semester.

**15 June – 22 July 2018** Margherita-von-Brentano-Zentrum für Geschlechterforschung (MvBZ), Freie Universität Berlin, Germany, supervisor Prof. Susanne Lettow, (selection after competition), 2 months, Summer semester

#### MEMBERSHIPS IN PANELS & REVIEWING

Periodic reviewing for the following Journals: *Genre, Sexualité & Société, Swiss Journal of Sociology, Journal of Infection & Public Health, Health, Culture & Sexuality, International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, Autrepart.*

#### MEMBERSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

- Selected Scholar for the Program of Mentoring for Women Scientists, Réseau romand de mentoring pour femmes, Offices for Gender Equality of the Universities of Fribourg, Geneva, Lausanne, Neuchâtel and the EPFL and the Swiss National Science Foundation SNSF, academic year 2014-2015.
- Member of the Network “Women, Gender, Sexuality” of the Social Science History Association (SSHA), 2015-2016.
- Associated Researcher of the Network of Young Researchers on Health and Society, Maison des Sciences de l'Homme of Paris-Nord, 2010 – 2017.
- Member of Forschungsnetzwerk Gender Health (Network of the Gender Health Research), Switzerland, 2015 – 2017.
- Member of the Network COST “Health and Social Care for Migrants and Ethnic Minorities in Europe”, 2017-2018.

- Member of the Editorial Board of the international and interdisciplinary Journal *Genre, Sexualité & Société (in French)*, 2013- 2018.
- Associated Researcher of the NIGS/Núcleo de Identidades de Gênero e Subjetividades, Federal University of Santa Catarina (UFSC), March 2020.
- Associated Researcher of the Institute of Gender Studies (Instituto de Estudos de Gênero), Federal University of Santa Catarina (UFSC), March 2020.

#### **NON-ACADEMIC, ARTISTIC & CIVIL MEMBERSHIPS**

- Member of CODHA, Cooperative and Participatory Company for Associative Housing, since 2012.
- Member of Sur Le Pra, Associative Housing of the site Pra Roman, since the foundation in December 2018; Member of the Gouvernance Commission.
- Member of Cultivamos Cultura, Women in Art, Science and Technology, since May 2019.
- Member of Jardin aux 1000 Mains, Association Rovérez, Lausanne, “Coach Jardinier” since March 2020.

#### **GRANTS & PRIZES**

**2013** Prize of the City of Paris for Gender Studies for PhD thesis, amount 5'000 euro.

**2012** Grant for PhD thesis of the Academic Society of Vaud (SAV), University of Lausanne, amount 8'000 CHF.

**2012** Grant for PhD thesis of the Swiss Association of Graduated Women of University (ASFUDU), amount 8'000 CHF.

**2007** Grant for field research, School for Advanced Studies in Social Sciences (EHESS), amount 1'000 euro.

#### **TEACHING**

**SP 2017**-Youth, Health and Migration. Women's sexual health in the context of migration. Seminar MA, Spring Semester, 26 hours. University of Fribourg, Switzerland.

**2014**- Sociology: theories and research methods. Residential Doctoral Seminar CUSO, 10-12 December, 8 hours. Doctoral Program of Sociology, Switzerland.

**2013-2014** Economies of affect politics. Research Seminar for PhD candidates, Academic year, 12 hours. School for Advanced Studies in Social Sciences (EHESS), Paris, France.

**SP 2013**- Sociology of migration and interethnic relationships. Lecture MA, Spring Semester, 4 hours, University of Fribourg, Switzerland.

**SP 2012**- Sociology of the body and social responses. Lecture MA, Spring Semester, 4 hours, University of Applied Sciences and Arts (HESSO) Valais, Switzerland.

**SA 2009**- Socio-anthropology of the body. Lecture MA, Fall Semester, 4 hours, University of Lausanne, Switzerland.

**SA 2008**- Sociology of migration and interethnic relationships. Lecture MA, Spring Semester 2008, 4 hours, University of Fribourg, Switzerland.

**2015**- Sociology of Affects. Lecture, PhD candidates, Fall Semester, 2 hours, (EHESS), Paris.

**2015** - Interdisciplinary in Social sciences. The body: one object, many disciplines, Lecture, PhD candidates, 4 hours, Spring Semester, University Institute for Technologies (IUT) Paris 13.

**2014** - Sociology of Desire, Lecture, PhD candidates, Spring Semester, 2 hours, (EHESS), Paris.

**2012** - Political Precarious Figures, Lecture, MA, Fall Semester, 2 hours, (EHESS), University of Fribourg, Switzerland.

## **SUPERVISION**

MA, SP17 - seminar work (6ETC), Honneger Mélanie, "Migration et sida: le cas de jeunes hommes homosexuels en France", 20 p.

MA, SP17 - seminar work (6ETC), Gauthier Simon, "Territoires et marginalisation: de l'exclusion socio-économique à l'émergence sanitaire des Roms dans l'Union Européenne", 20p.

MA, SP17 - seminar work (6ETC), Salerno Julia, "Comportements et perceptions en lien avec la sexualité des jeunes musulmans vivant dans un pays occidental", 20p.

MA, SP17 - seminar work (6ETC), Lequet Marie, "Les lois contre les MGF à l'aune de l'émergence de la chirurgie esthétique genital", 20p.

MA, SP17 - seminar work (6ETC), Tomas-Eggiman Livia, "La loi sur les étrangers et la construction des inégalités sociales. Travailleuses du sexe en provenance d'Afrique sub-saharienne en contexte Suisse", 20p.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **Organization of Scientific Events, Committee Member**

**June 2016, International Seminar "Desiring family"**, organization with Sébastien Roux, Dr. Mélanie Gourrarié, Dr. Massimo Prearo, Research Program ETHOPOL, University of Toulouse Jean Jaurès, France, 10th June.

**September 2014, International Symposium "Sub-Saharan Populations in Migratory Context and Sexual Health"**, organization with Laura Mellini and Brikela Sulstarova, Research FEMIS, University of Fribourg, Switzerland, 25<sup>th</sup> September.

### **International Conferences (selected after a call)**

**2018, 15<sup>th</sup> Conference of the European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA)**, "Staying, Moving, Settling", panel P038: Understanding "FGM" and sexual violence in diaspora: women's journeys through re-creations of identity and discourses on trauma, oral presentation: "Repairing and Retelling: the Back and Forth's Medical Journeys in the Reconstruction after FGM" (Tuesday 14 August 10H30 AM), 14-17 August, Stockholm University, Sweden.

**2018, 13th international Conference of the Association for the anthropology of social change and development (APAD)** "Migration, Development and Citizenships", panel African Migration in Swiss, oral presentation: "Young People in Switzerland and Sexual Initiation", (Wednesday 23 November 1H30 PM - 4H30 PM), 23-25 May, Roskilde University, Denmark.

**2015, 40th Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association (SSHA)** "Pluralism and Community: Social Science History Perspectives", panel Uncertain Sexual Reputations? Institutional Regulations of Reproduction, Parenting, and Gender, Network Women, Gender, and Sexuality, oral presentation: "The surrender of the biological parenthood ", (Thursday 12 November 3H15 PM - 5H15 PM), 12-15 November, Baltimore, Maryland, United States.

**2015, 40th Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association (SSHA)** "Pluralism and Community: Social Science History Perspectives", chair discussant of the panel Consuming Science. The Popular Trickle-Down of Gender and Science, Network Women, Gender, and Sexuality (Friday 13 November 2H15 PM- 4H15 PM), 12-15 November, Baltimore, Maryland, United States.

**2015, 114th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (AAA)** "Familiar/Strange", panel Healthcare Desire, Defiance and Resistance, oral presentation "The Renouncement of Parenthood ", (Sunday 22nd November 10H15 AM – 12H00 PM), 18-22 November, Denver, Colorado, United States.

**2014, 18th World Congress of the International Sociology Association (ISA)**, “Facing and unequal world: challenges for a global sociology”, panel Understanding 'Stigma' and HIV/AIDS: A Social Scientist's Challenge, RC15 Sociology of Health, oral presentation “I fear 'Kongossa' (gossip): stigma and control of information about HIV/AIDS among migrant women from sub-Saharan origin living with HIV in Switzerland”, 13-19 of July, Yokohama, Japan.

**2014, 18th World Congress of the International Sociology Association (ISA)**, “Facing and unequal world: challenges for a global sociology”, panel Negotiating Gender and Generation in Transnational Cultures, RC32 Women in Society, oral presentation “Excision and Migration : Between 'Legality' and 'Loyalty' in the Transmission of a Traditional Practice in Migratory Context” 13-19 of July, Yokohama, Japan.

**2013, 9ème congrès de la Société suisse de sociologie (SSS)**, “Inégalités et intégration sociale face à la crise”, panel Populations migrantes et inégalités d'accès aux soins de santé, oral presentation “Immigrant Women from sub-Saharan origin with VIH and Healthcare: between Vulnerability and Resources”, (Wednesday 26, 4H -6H PM), 26-28 June, University of Bern, Switzerland.

**2012, 6th international conference of Francophone feminist research**, “Imbrication des rapports de pouvoir: discriminations et privilèges de genre, de race, de classe et de sexualité” oral presentation “Surgery of the Clitoris: though a Feminist Medicine?” (Wednesday 26, 1H -3H PM), 28 August -2 September, University of Lausanne, Switzerland.

**2011, 8<sup>th</sup> Conference of the International Association for the Study of Sexuality, Culture & Society (IASSCS)**, Naming and Framing: The Making of Sexual (In)Equality, oral presentation “The Clitoris that makes Difference”, 6-9 July, Madrid, Spain.

**2011, 20<sup>th</sup> World Congress for Sexual Health of the World Association for Sexual Health (WAS)**, poster presentation “Repairing Clitoris after Excision. The Way of Speaking 'Mutilation' and Performing 'Reparation'” 12-16 June, Glasgow, United Kingdom.

**2009, 3<sup>e</sup> Congress of the French Association of Sociology (AFS)**, panel of the RT 28 Researches in Social Sciences on Sexuality, oral presentation “The construction of medical knowledge starting from personal experiences of women going through reconstructive surgery of clitoris”, 14-17 April University Paris-Diderot, France.

**2008, 18<sup>th</sup> Congress of the International Association of French Sociologists (AISLF)**, “Être en société. Le lien social à l'épreuve des cultures”, GT19 Sociology of social action, oral presentation “The Representation of the Self as Performance in front of Medical Institutions. The case of Disability Insurance and the Reconstructive Surgery”, 7-11 July, Istanbul, Turkey.

#### **Keynote Speaker Invitations to International Conferences**

**2019, International symposium Ethopolitiques**, “The arts of renunciation. Sociology of procreative failure”, Research Program ETHOPOL, 21-22 February, University of Toulouse Jean-Jaurès, France.

**2017, International Seminar Multisectoral Academic Project to Prevent and Combat Female Genital Mutilation, EU Program**, “FGM/c From Medicine to Critical Anthropology”, Title of the talk “Medicine, sexuality and FGM: sociological notes on surgical reconstruction”, 24-25 November, Department of Political Sciences, University Roma 3, Italy.

**2017, International Seminar Multisectoral Academic Project to Prevent and Combat Female Genital Mutilation, EU Program**, “Institutional Responses to Female Genital Mutilation”, Title of the talk: “Reparative Approaches in Healthcare. Taking in Account Women's Meanings of 'Reparation' After FGM in Switzerland and France”, 28-29 September, Centre of International Studies of ISCTE-IUL, Lisbon, Portugal.

**2017, International Seminar “Routes to reconstruction”**, Title of the talk: “The Needs of Reconstruction: Moral Bodies and Reparative Medicine”, 10-12 May, Centre for Gender Research, University of Uppsala, Sweden.

**2017, International Symposium Female Genital Mutilation/ Cutting Management and Prevention**. Sharing data and experiences, improving collaboration, Title of the talk: “Reparative approaches: the different meanings of 'reparation' for women living with FGM in France and Switzerland”, 13-14 March, University Hospital, Geneva.

**2015, International Symposium 1<sup>o</sup> International Consultation Management of Women with FGM/C**, Title of the talk: "The issue of orgasm in the debate around the sexuality of women with genital cutting", 27-28 January, University Paris Sorbonne, Paris, France.

**2015, Interdisciplinary Seminar School for Advanced Studies in Public Health (EHESP)** "Intersectional approaches in Public Health: New perspectives for studying social inequalities in Health?" Title of talk: "When vulnerabilities overlap: the case of immigrant women with HIV in Switzerland", 15 April, EHESP, Paris, France.

**2012, 20<sup>th</sup> World Congress Gynecology and Obstetrics of the International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics (FIGO)**, Symposium of the World Health Organization (WHO), Title of talk: "Experiences with clitoris repair for women with FGM in France: From Medical Normalization to Social Integration", 12 October 2012, Rome, Italy.

**2012, International Congress "Remembering the Body"**, Title of talk: "When collective memories is anchored in the body: between discourses on excision and individual memories", September 2012, Institute of Ethnology and Museum of Ethnography, Neuchâtel, Switzerland.

**2012, Internal Seminar for the International Day Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation of World Health Organization (WHO)**, Title of talk: "Repair after excision: Surgery or Counseling? What helps?", 6<sup>th</sup> February 2012, WHO, Geneva, Switzerland.

**2006 Regional Conference Health and Migration** of the Institute for Scientific Research and Healthcare (IRCCS Burlo Garofolo) and the University of Trieste, Title of talk: "Observations on the role of intercultural mediation in healthcare", 15 December, Trieste, Italy.

**2005, 11<sup>e</sup> Congress of the National Pediatrics Association** "Acceptance of preventive interventions in childhood in a migratory context", Title of talk: "Efficacy of the intercultural mediation in access of healthcare among immigrants: results of the qualitative survey", 21 January, Hospital Maggiore, Bologna, Italy.

#### **Guest Lectures in PhD, MA, and Research Seminars**

**2015, Sociology of Affects**, seminar addressed to PhD students, coordinator of the seminar Sébastien Roux, title of the lecture: "I can't stay like that. Shame, Culpability and Desire of Emancipation of women with excision asking for clitoris reparation", 14 November, 2 hours EHES, Paris, France.

**2015, Interdisciplinary in Social Sciences. The body: one object, many disciplines**, seminar addressed to PhD students and researchers of the Institute for Interdisciplinary Research in Social Sciences (IRIS), coordinator Benoît de l'Estoire, title of the lecture: "Sexuality, excision et clitoris reconstruction: the body at the intersection of disciplines", 10 February, University Institute for Technologies (IUT) Bobigny, University Paris 13, Paris, France.

**2014, Sociology of Desire**, seminar addressed to PhD students, coordinator of the seminar Mathieu Trachman, title of the lecture: "The Construction of Pleasure after clitoris reparation" with Christelle Hamel (INED, Paris), 7 June, Institute for Interdisciplinary Research in Social Sciences (IRIS), EHES, Paris, France.

**2012, Political Precarious Figures**, seminar addressed to MA students, coordinator of the seminar Benoît Beuret, title of the lecture: "Excision and Reparation: from the genesis of a crime to social recognition of rights", 12 December, University of Fribourg, Switzerland.

**2011, Sexuality and Social Practices**, seminar addressed to PhD students, coordinator of the seminar Rose-Marie Lagrave, title of the lecture: "The dramatization of Intimacy", with Julie Castro, Mathieu Trachman, 11 March, Institute for Interdisciplinary Research in Social Sciences (IRIS), EHES, Paris, France.

**2009, Scientific Seminar of the National Institute of Demographic Studies (INED)**, title of the seminar: "Health, Violence and Sexuality. Studying Gender Relationship", seminar addressed to PhD students and researchers, coordinators of the seminar and discussants Armelle Andro, Emmanuelle Cambois, Natalie Bajos. Title of the communication: "The sexuality of excised women and their project of reparation", 20 November, National Institute of Demographic Studies (INED), Paris, France.



**2009, Doctoral seminar, Complementarity of Research Methods**, seminar addressed to PhD students, Title of the communication: "Methodological aspects of the Research in Social Sciences", 16 March, Institute for Interdisciplinary Research in Social Sciences (IRIS) EHESS, Paris, France.

## OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

### Public Dissemination of Research, Media Interviews

Interview for the Swedish Secretariat for Gender Research: "Intense Anti-Gender Debate in Italy", by Charlie Olofsson, interview held on 09/04/2018, <https://www.genus.se/en/newspost/12126/>

Interview *Universitas* 02/2017-2018 "Pourquoi tant de femmes dénoncent-elles le harcèlement?" by Jean-Christophe Emmenegger.

Interview in the Magazine *Femina* on the topic of sexual addictions and sexual harassment "Sexual addictions: new pathology or alibi?", *Femina Magazine*, 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

Interview at the TV for *Radio Television Suisse* (RTS) in the show "Don't believe" ("Faut pas croire"), on the topic: "Excision: can we end this tradition ?" Guest with Halimata Fofana, 11/11/2017 /religion/faut-pas-croire/9077304-excision-peut-on-eradiquer-une-tradition-.html

Interview in the newspaper *Le Matin* on the topic of the "Commensuration of Sexuality and the Bid of Virginity" *Le Matin*, 29<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

Interview in the *Magazine Psychologies* on the topic of bisexuality, title "Tous bi or not tous bi", *Psychologies Magazine*, September 2016.

Interview in the *Magazine Femina* on the topic of bisexuality, title "To bi or not to bi", *Femina Magazine*, 19<sup>th</sup> August 2015.

International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation FGM, interview for the Radio Ticino, 6 February 2010.

Blog writing ETHOPOL, Carnet de recherche Hypothèses, <https://ethopol.hypotheses.org>

### Technical reports for professionals and care providers

- Pogliа Mileti F, **Villani M**, Mellini L, Sulstarova B, Singy P, (2019) *REISO, Revue d'information sociale*, mis en ligne le 28 novembre 2019, <https://www.reiso.org/document/5274>
- Pogliа Mileti F, Mellini L, **Villani M**, Sulstarova B, Singy P (2019). "Jeunes migrant-e-s d'Afrique subsaharienne face au VIH/sida: représentation et pratiques en matière de santé sexuelle", Synthèse de l'enquête JASS, Université de Fribourg.
- Pogliа Mileti F., Sulstarova B., Mellini L., **Villani M.**, Singy P., 2014. "Femmes migrantes d'origine subsaharienne et VIH: gestion d'un secret et rapport à la santé". Synthèse de l'enquête FEMIS, Université de Fribourg.
- **Villani M.**, Bodenmann P., Renteria S.-C., Panese F., Hohlfeld P., 2013. Rapport final. "Excision et Migration (ExM): les facteurs de transmission d'une pratique traditionnelle en contexte migratoire. Enquête exploratoire sur une population féminine migrante d'Afrique subsaharienne". Lausanne.

## MAJOR SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Throughout my academic career, I have mainly contributed to the fields of gender, sexuality and migration through a critical analysis of the new forms of displacement of practices and representations, and their effects in terms of inequalities. I also contributed to the critical discussion and understanding of the different forms of institutional regulation of the self, the body and the affects, in particular through the interventions of different medical techniques (clitoral reconstructive surgery, ARTs such as In-Vitro Fertilization). Within these fields, I would highlight three major scientific achievements:

### ❖ Field of gender, female genital mutilation cutting and specific healthcare

During my PhD in Sociology, from 2006 to 2012, at the School for Advanced Studies in Social Sciences (EHESS) in Paris, I worked on the specific subject of clitoral reconstruction after female genital cutting. My thesis, entitled "*Medicine, excision, sexuality. Sociology of clitoral repair of women with sub-Saharan origin*", was awarded the Paris City Prize for Gender Studies in 2013 and two Swiss Grants (SAV and AFSDU) in 2012. Besides the doctoral field, between 2011 and 2012, I started new collaborations in Switzerland with the Department of Gynecology-Obstetrics and Medical Genetics (DGOG) and the Unit of Vulnerable Populations (UPV) of the University Hospital Centre of Vaud (CHUV). Here I led a new research field within the qualitative survey entitled "Excision and Migration. The risks of intergenerational transmission of a traditional practice in the context of migration" that yielded important results, regarding the specific healthcare needs of women with female genital mutilation in Switzerland. These results directly informed institutions working in prevention and care, and permitted further reflections on the transfer of scientific knowledge into public policies. Many publications have been produced that are considered major references for scholars working on this topic, among them the following: "Reconstructing Sexuality after Excision: The Medical Tools" in *Medical Anthropology*, "FGM in Switzerland: between legality and loyalty in the transmission of a traditional practice" in the *Health Sociology Review*, "Reparative Approaches in Medicine and the Different Meanings of "Reparation" for Women with FGM/C in a Migratory Context" in *Diversity and Equality in Health and Care*. My chapter "The need for clitoral reconstruction. Engaged bodies and committed medicine" has been published in the edited volume *Body, Migration, (RE)constructive Surgeries: Making the Gendered Body in a Globalized World*, edited by Gabriele Griffin and Malin Jordal and published by Routledge. I have been invited to give several talks at local and international level and am considered one of the leading experts in this field. In this context, I was invited as guest researcher in the Center for Gender Research at the Uppsala University in Sweden.

### ❖ Field of regulation of affects, family and kinship

In my research, I have transversally worked on aspects dealing with body, medicine and emotions. During the academic year 2013-2014, I led the seminar entitled "Political economics of feelings" at the School for Advanced Studies in Social Sciences (EHESS). This seminar discussed the major theoretical frameworks of emotion studies, and I also supervised PhD students. In 2015, I joined the Research program "*ETHOPOL-Government of familiar feelings*" funded by the French National Research Agency (2015-2019). As part of this program, I conducted a qualitative study in Italy regarding the experiences of Italian couples undergoing in-vitro fertilization. The analysis from this study showed that women, beside their investment in their own body because of the invasive procedures, also invest in and perform emotional work in order to prove their maternal qualities to the medical team. Alongside various interventions and publications in the international arena, one publication can be highlighted: my chapter "Les arts du renoncement. Sociologie de l'échec procréatif" in *Familles Nouvelle Génération*, edited by Sébastien Roux and Anne-Sophie Vozari. In this field, I led a methodological teaching session entitled "Qualitative Methodology and Ethics" within the Doctoral seminar CUSO in 2014. Among the publications dealing with this topic, two of my articles published in *Civilisations and Genre*, *Sexualité & Société* were very useful in informing/supporting methodological work within FEMIS and JASS.

### ❖ Field of sexuality, sexual health and migration

I worked on two different research projects dealing with sexuality, health and vulnerability of minority populations. The first one (FEMIS project) brought on HIV-positive women from sub-Saharan origins leaving in Switzerland. We underlined how the management of the secret of being HIV-positive impact

their social life and their health. The second one, (JASS project) focused on young first and second's generation of immigrants from Sub-Saharan origins living in Switzerland deal with a pluralism of messages on sexual health and sexuality. We analyzed how their origins or the experiences of migration play a role in sexual choices and risk behavior. Within both research projects, I acquired a solid expertise in topics such sexual dynamics, socialization processes, representations, practices and risk behaviors of women and young people. Moreover, I have worked on questions bringing on ethnic origins, discrimination and race. I extensively published with my FEMIS colleagues, and am currently submitting papers within JASS. I delivered lectures, such as "Sociology of migration, gender and interethnic relationships" and taught seminars, such as "Youth, Health and Migration. Women's sexual health in the context of migration," at the University of Fribourg. I supervised several scientific works of MA students within this seminar. I am also member of the editorial board of *Genre, Sexualité & Société*, where I have recently edited a special issue entitled "Visuals. Producing, distributing and circulating images of gender and sexuality" that brought together collected contributions from feminist scholars and artists critics. The special issue was presented at the Margherita von Brentano Zentrum für Geschlechterforschung at the Freie Universität in Berlin during the summer semester 2018, where I was invited as visiting scholar.