

Women in Science & Research: Voices from far that bring strength and overcoming

February 11, 2025, 09.30 am (Prague time)

The event aims to give voice to women who come from outside European Union and work in science and research, sharing their stories of struggle and success. Stories of women from different continents will be presented, bringing the perspective of immigrants who have chosen (or not) to live in the EU, whether temporarily or to set up their lives here forever.

Apart from everything, one of the main objectives is to break existing stereotypes about what it means to be an immigrant and to bring to light some important topics, such as structural racism in the world of research and work and the need of sisterhood among women. The event will be in English, free of charge and online, with the aim of providing access to everyone.

It is worth remembering that the talks are for people who are interested in the topic, regardless of gender. Students, professors, researchers, and members of society in general are all invited.

MORNING SESSIONS

09.30 – 09.50	OPENING Dr. Eva Ferreira (Tomas Bata University) – <i>Visibility of foreign women in international research: The struggle for space and breaking stereotypes</i>
10.00 – 10.20	Widya Naseva Tuslian (Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences) – <i>The Perks and Challenges of Conducting Field Research as a Woman</i>
10.30 – 10.50	Farida Nabibaks (Reframing HERstory Art Foundation/Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences) – <i>A Personal Approach, as a Black Woman, on the Impact of the Colonial and Slavery Past in Present Day Dutch Society</i>
11.00 – 11.20	Ismat Haider (Tomas Bata University) – <i>The Ph.D. Journey Abroad: Experiences of a Muslim Woman</i>
11.30 – 11.50	Alison Fischer (Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences) – <i>Wherever you go, there you are: incorporating privileged positionality into research in the Netherlands</i>
12.00 – 12.55	BREAK

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AFTERNOON SESSIONS

13.00 – 13.20	Isabella Araújo Veloso Silva (University of Göttingen) – <i>The Challenges of Adapting to Academic Life After Motherhood and Living Abroad</i>
13.30 – 13.50	Dr. Cilia Lourdes Abad Marcano (Charles University) – <i>A Journey of Science and Resilience</i>
14.00 – 14.20	Poulami Chatterjee (Tomas Bata University) – <i>Resilience in Research : Navigating Science as a Woman</i>
14.30 – 14.50	Dr. Karina Limonta Vieira (University of Leipzig) – <i>The challenges and experiences of being a Brazilian woman researcher in the German context</i>
15.00 – 15.20	Kimberley Darbouze (Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences) – <i>Haunting matters woven together: Material, eco-geopolitical wounding extractions of afterlives and colonialism across the Atlantic</i>
15.30 – 15.50	Carmen G. Mallqui Caballero (Utrecht University) – <i>Positionalities in climate science: Southern perspectives</i>

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16.00 – 16.20	Helen Barbosa (Södertörn University) – <i>Will you return home?</i>
16.30 – 16.50	Yvonne Sungu (Winrock International) – <i>Breaking Boundaries: My Journey as an Environmental and Safety Advocate in Europe</i>
17.00 – 17-20	Cindy Beltran Mora (Allseas) – <i>The way to the top</i>
17.30	CLOSING

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ABOUT THE SPEAKERS



Dr. Eva Ferreira is from Brazil, Ph.D. in Sanitation, Environment and Water Resources, with an MBA in Project Management, a M.Sc. in Agronomy, an MBA-Specialization in Waste/Wastewater treatment, and an MBA-Specialization in Environmental Planning and Management. She has worked as a Lecturer/Researcher/Consultant in Brazil, Czechia, Germany, Netherlands, Portugal, and Slovakia. Her main topics are soil quality, water resources management and urban solid waste management, including the technical and political aspects.



Widya Naseva Tuslian is from Indonesia, Ph.D. candidate at Leiden Law School, is appointed jointly by the KITLV Leiden and the Van Vollenhoven Institute (VVI) of Leiden Law school. Her research centers on water governance and citizenship in Jakarta's coastal communities, examining the intersection of law, governance, and marginalized urban populations. Widya combines socio-legal analysis with a focus on state-citizen relations and water access rights. Her background as an Indonesian lawyer, working on infrastructure and public-private partnerships, further informs her insights into governance in rapidly urbanizing cities.

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Farida Nabibaks is from Suriname, naturalized Dutch, holds a MA in philosophy, and is a dancer/theatremaker and visual artist. She is the founder and artistic director of Reframing HERstory Art Foundation a dance-theatre company based in Arnhem (NL). Nabibaks uses dance and embodied knowledge to address the collective trauma of the colonial and slavery past of the Netherlands. She was part of the research project, Feeling the Traces of the Colonial Past at Radboud Institute for Culture and History (RICH) in Nijmegen, led by Prof. Liedeke Plate. This was built around her dance-theatre production Radiant Shadow one: Margaretha. An article on this research: ‘Feeling the Traces of the Dutch Colonial Past; Dance as an Affective Methodology in Farida Nabibaks’s Radiant Shadow’ is part of the publication The Future of the Dutch Colonial past (AUP, Amsterdam, Januari 2024) At present she is a researcher at KITLV (Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies) in Leiden. Her focus is on healing from the colonial and slavery past through art, dance/ dance-theatre and embodied knowledge from multiple ethnic perspectives.



Ismat Haider is from Pakistan, a committed researcher and current Ph.D. candidate in Economics and Management at Tomas Bata University in Zlín, Czech Republic. With a solid foundation in behavioral economics, her research currently focuses on household consumption patterns in uncertain situations. Prior to her doctoral work, Ismat gained expertise in finance and client services in Pakistan, managing investment portfolios and addressing diverse client needs. Her journey in academia and professional life underscores a deep commitment to impactful research and exceptional service.

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Alison Fischer is from The United States of America, a former lawyer, teacher and community organizer, currently wrapping up her PhD at the Royal Netherlands Institute for Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies (KITLV) and Leiden University Law Faculty. Her research explores how different groups of people mobilized law to address racialized inequality in the Netherlands between 1980 and 2000, and how those mobilizations impact exercises of racialized citizenship and belonging in the Netherlands.

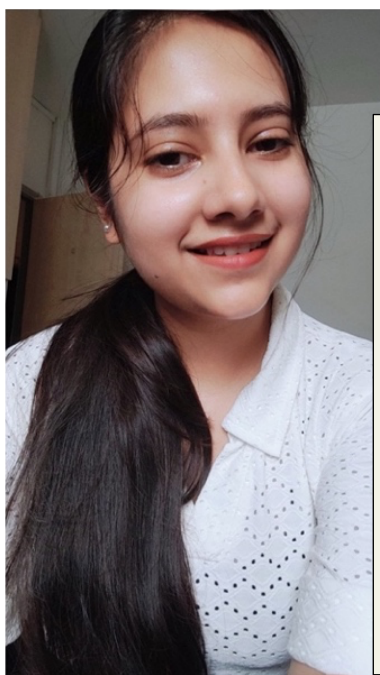


Isabella Araújo Veloso Silva is from Brazil, graduated in Social Communication and Journalism from Mackenzie (São Paulo, Brazil) and holds a master's degree in Portuguese Literature from the University of Porto (Porto, Portugal). She is currently a Ph.D. candidate in Portuguese Literature at the University of Göttingen, Germany.

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Dr. Cilia Lourdes Abad Marcano is from Venezuela, an accomplished biochemist and researcher specializing in human reproductive physiology, with a particular focus on placental health and diseases such as preterm birth, preeclampsia, and intrauterine growth restriction. With over a decade of experience, Dr. Abad's research integrates placental biology, inflammation, oxidative stress, and metabolic pathways, using both clinical and laboratory approaches. She holds a Ph.D. in Biochemistry from IVIC in Venezuela and has conducted postdoctoral research in renowned institutions in Germany and Argentina. Dr. Abad currently contributes to the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology at Charles University in the Czech Republic, where she explores the impacts of drug exposure during pregnancy on placental function and fetal development. Her work has been recognized with numerous awards and has made significant contributions to the understanding of placental physiology in both health and disease.



Ms. Poulami Chatterjee is from India, currently pursuing her Ph.D. on "Microbial Applications for Green Energy Production" at Centre of Polymer Systems, in Tomas Bata University in Zlín, Czech Republic. Her research focuses on optimization of different conditions and parameters for enhanced biomethane production from different organic waste. She gained her M.Sc. and B.Sc. degree in Zoology with specialization in Microbiology and Parasitology, from the University of Burdwan, India. In addition to her academic achievements, she holds two national prizes for Indian classical dancing.

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Dr. Karina Limonta Vieira is from Brazil, Ph.D. in Education, is Brazilian and works in Germany. She is an associate researcher at the Faculty of Education at the University of Leipzig. She works in the field of educational sciences and didactics, with particular emphasis on the social sciences. Her research interests encompass educational anthropology, video ethnography, children's learning in museums, transformative learning, museum didactics, decolonial, the Anthropocene, the planetary and the Global South.



Kim Darbouze is psycho-social researcher who merges material, ecological, and artistic embodied themes to address the various ways impacts colonialism. Through these themes Kim shows how colonialism justifies killability and extraction for capital commodity. Using weaving and dance Kim builds upon indigenous, local, and cultural knowledge of the intertwined connections between Land, species, ecologies, bodies, memory, and embodied trauma that takes shape long after trauma, wounding, erasures, and violence. Kim incorporates a way re-form, heal, and connect by addressing the haunting weight of colonialism. The work focus on harvesting healing futures while repairing the ruptures that such extractions and violence creates for lifetimes. Using her psychology background in harmony with anthropology and arts Kim applies therapeutic forms of healing that are tied to needs of local communities rather than imposing the colonial forms of suturing that often leave out and reduces this deeply woven ties. From the air we breath to clothing wear, colonialism is all around us and flowing through oceans creating these global ruptures. As the pharcyde reminds us, *we can't keep running away*. We must face it and find ways to heal through Indigenous knowledge and rituals.

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Carmen G. Mallqui Caballero is from Peru, geographer and Ph.D. Candidate with the Copernicus Institute of Sustainable Development at Utrecht University. Her work falls at the intersection of critical physical geographies and decolonial geographies, she specifically focuses on analysing the spatial structures and the underlying causes of the marginalization of climate scientists and knowledge systems from tropical countries in the Global South.



Helen Barbosa is from Cape Verde with an international experience in water and climate adaptation, particularly involving Small Island Developing States (SIDS). Her current research focuses on implementing Nature-Based Solutions including Managed Aquifer Recharge in the Baltic region and Eastern Europe. Previously, she worked in the WASH sector and environmental impact assessment in Cape Verde, both nationally and internationally. She holds an M.Sc. in Environmental Sciences from Eötvös Loránd University, Hungary, and an advanced M.Sc. in Management and Governance of Water Resources from IHE Delft, Netherlands. Throughout her career, she has collaborated with various organizations to develop and implement climate and water projects for water utilities in SIDS, including Pacific islands.

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Yvonne Sungu is from Kenya, an Environmental and Sustainability Specialist with a strong background in environmental management, safety compliance, and sustainability strategies. She holds a Master's in Water Governance and Management and certifications in NEBOSH and ISO 14001 standards.

With extensive experience in the construction and offshore industries, Yvonne has led key projects focused on environmental protection and workplace safety. Her work includes conducting audits, developing sustainability frameworks, and managing complex risk assessments to ensure compliance with international standards.

Passionate about creating impactful change, Yvonne's journey in Europe showcases her resilience and dedication as she integrates her expertise into dynamic global teams.

Her story highlights the importance of cross-cultural collaboration, adaptability, and the pursuit of excellence in advancing environmental and safety goals.



Cindy Beltran Mora is from Colombia, a Civil Engineer with two master's degrees. The first is in Civil Engineering, and the second is in Hydro informatics. Currently she is working as a Production Engineer at a Dutch company specialized in pipelay. During her time in The Netherlands, she faced not only professional challenges as a woman in science, but also additional difficulties as an immigrant, such as adaptation to a new culture and dealing with language barriers. While these challenges were tough, they also taught her the importance of resilience and adaptability. In the webinar, she will share some of her experiences, the obstacles she had overcome, and why it is crucial to create a more inclusive and accessible environment for women in science: *"The webinar will be useful and inspiring for all of us who are working towards a more equitable and diverse future.*

Reaching a good professional position requires considerable effort. When you first move abroad to live and study, everything seems exciting and new. However, as an immigrant, you must adapt to a different environment to achieve personal and professional goals. Challenges inevitably arise along the way, but none of them are impossible to overcome. This journey is a process that begins the moment you arrive in a new country, continues with the steps required to secure a job, and culminates in mastering your role at your work".

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