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Research Activities

- 2011-current Principal investigator for the NWO research project 'Ethnic Socialization and the Onset of Radicalization' in the department of Theory and Research of Education, VU University of Amsterdam. I developed a survey and successfully included 12 secondary schools to participate, resulting in 950 respondents (pupils).
- 2009-2011 Principal investigator at Netherlands Institute for Social Research (SCP) for a study into the psychological wellbeing and social acceptance of lesbian, gay, bisexual youth (LGB) and adults. I developed and implemented the first Dutch large scale study of LGB youth and adults that attracted 1650 (youth) and adult (5500) respondents. In addition, I conducted 30 in depth interviews with a subsample of LGB youth who experienced high levels of stigmatization.
- 2004-2008 PhD research activities, including:
- 2008 I collaborated with the Municipal Health Services (GGD) Rotterdam in order to analyze the prevalence and risk factors of suicidal behavior in female adolescents in four ethnic groups in the city of Rotterdam, in a large scale data set (4500 pupils)
- 2007-2008 I conducted life-story interviews with 47 young women in four ethnic groups in The Netherlands with a history of suicidal behavior. I collaborated with 8 mental health care institutes in four cities in order to successfully contact participants, after having obtained permission of the Medical Ethics Committee.
- 2005-2006 I conducted a study of the prevalence of psychopathology, psychological disorders and motives for attempted suicide of individuals admitted to the emergency ward of the VU medical center, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
- 2006 I undertook a medical case file study of young suicidal migrant women of Turkish, Moroccan, South Asian and Dutch origin seen at a clinic for mental health services in Amsterdam (120 files), focusing on their life events and family relations.
- 2004 I studied health care professionals' perspectives of suicidal behavior of South Asian migrant women in the United Kingdom. I arranged and conducted 8 interviews with UK professionals, resulting in my second Master Thesis.
- 2003 Research assistant to Prof. C. Webel (UC Berkeley). I coordinated and translated during the interviews for his project *Terror, Terrorism and the Human Condition*.
- 2002 Trainee at Mr. A. de Graaf foundation, Amsterdam. Through in depth interviews with male sex worker and informants I succeeded in acquiring an expressive portrait of the work in the male sex industry in Amsterdam, which resulted in my first Master thesis.

Publications

International Scientific journals [Peer reviewed]

Van Bergen DD., Smit JH., Van Balkom AJLM. & Saharso S. (2012) 'I felt so hurt and lonely- Narratives of Young Immigrant Women in The Netherlands on Suicidal Behavior'. *Transcultural Psychiatry* 49(1) 69-86.

Van Bergen DD., Eikeleboom M., Smit JH., Van de Looij Janssen PM. & Saharso S. (2010) 'Suicidal Behavior and Ethnicity of Young Females in Rotterdam, The Netherlands: Rates and Risk Factors'. *Ethnicity and Health*, 15(5): 515 - 530 .

Van Bergen DD., Smit JH., Van Balkom AJLM. & Saharso S. (2009) 'Suicidal Behavior of Young Immigrant Women in The Netherlands. Can we use Durkheim's concept of 'fatalistic suicide' to explain their behavior?' *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 32 (2): 302-322.

Van Bergen DD., Smit JH., Van Balkom, AJLM., Van Ameijden E. & Saharso S. (2008) 'Exploration of Suicidal Ideation in Majority and Minority Adolescents in Utrecht, The Netherlands.' *Crisis, the Journal of Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention* 29(4):202-208.

Van Bergen DD., Smit JH., Kerkhof AJFM. & Saharso S. (2006) 'Gender and Cultural Patterns of Suicidal Behavior. Young Immigrant women of Hindustani Background in The Netherlands.' *Crisis, the Journal of Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention* 27(4): 181-188.

Dutch Journals [Peer reviewed]

Van Bergen DD. & S. Saharso (2010) Suïcidaal Gedrag van Jonge Vrouwen. De Rol van Gezinscontext bij een Turkse, Hindostaanse, Marokkaanse en Autochtone Achtergrond. *Tijdschrift voor Cultuur, Migratie en Gezondheid* 2: 62-75

Van Bergen DD. & S. Saharso (2010) Zelfmoordpogingen van Jonge Hindostaans-Surinaamse jonge vrouwen. *OSO Tijdschrift voor Surinamistiek en het Caribisch Gebied*

Van Bergen DD. (2006) 'Partner Keuze van de Tweede Generatie Turken en Marokkanen' door Bouw C. & Sterckx L. *Migrantenstudies* 22 (1): 27 Book review

Van Bergen DD. (2003) 'De Werk- en Leefsituatie van migranten in de jongensprostitutie in Amsterdam' (ThemaNummer 'Jeugd') 19 (4): 240-251

International Scientific journals [Submitted]

Van Bergen DD. Bos, H. Lisdonk J. Keuzenkamp S. Sandfort T. (2011) Suicidality among Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Youth and Experiences with Stigmatization in Diverse Social Contexts.

Lisdonk J. Hospers H. van Bergen DD. Keuzenkamp S. (2011) Gender Role Conformity and Victimization of Same-Sex Attracted Youth in Diverse Contexts

Dissertation

Van Bergen DD. (2009) *Suicidal behavior of Young Migrant Women in The Netherlands. A Comparative Study of Minority and Majority Women*. PhD thesis, VU University Amsterdam.

Bookchapters

Van Bergen DD. & Van Lisdonk J. (2010) Chapter 9: 'Acceptance and Stigmatization in Dutch LGB youth' in S. Keuzenkamp et al., *Report on Acceptance of Homosexuality in The Netherlands 2010*. The Hague, The Netherlands Institute for Social Research [in Dutch].

Van Bergen DD. & Van Lisdonk J. (2010) 'Chapter 10 The Psychological Wellbeing of Dutch LGB Youth' in S. Keuzenkamp et al. *Report on Acceptance of Homosexuality in The Netherlands 2010*. The Hague, The Netherlands Institute for Social Research, *forthcoming* [in Dutch].

Van Bergen DD. & Saharso S. (2010) 'Immigrants and Suicidal Behavior. The Role of Gender' in L. Sher & A. Vilens *Immigration and Mental Health: Stress, Psychiatric Disorders and Suicidal Behavior among Immigrants and Refugees*. New York, Columbia University Press

Van Bergen DD. & Saharso S. (2009) *Surviving Victimhood. Lessons to Be Learnt from Suicide Attempts by Immigrant Women in The Netherlands*'. In J. Van de Zwaard, J. Janssen & S. Keuzenkamp. *Autonomy and Imagination*. Rotterdam, Kosmopolis [in Dutch].

International Activities

Presentations at International Conferences

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| March 2012 | 'Ethnic Socialization and the Onset of Radicalization in Muslim Minority', at the <i>Society for Research of Adolescents (SRA)</i> , Vancouver, Canada. |
| August 2010 | 'LGBT-negativity, psychological wellbeing and coping strategies of Dutch LGBT adolescents,' Division 44, at the <i>American Psychological Association</i> , San Diego, USA. |
| April 2010 | 'Just telling it like it is? The origins of suicidal behavior of immigrant young women in The Netherlands entangled in feminist truth claims and the politics of multiculturalism' at the <i>Association of Social Anthropologists of the UK and Commonwealth: 2010 The Interview – theory, practice, society</i> . Belfast, UK. |
| October 2008 | 'I felt so hurt and lonely- Narratives of suicidal behavior of young immigrant Women in The Netherlands' at the <i>European Association for Forensic Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Psychology</i> , Amsterdam, The Netherlands. |
| August 2008 | 'Suicidal behavior of young immigrant women in The Netherlands,' at the <i>European Symposium of Suicide and Suicidal Behavior</i> , Glasgow, Scotland. |
| June 2008 | 'Suicidal Behavior of young immigrant women in The Netherlands. The relevance of Durkheim's category of fatalistic suicide,' at the conference <i>Qualitative Research of Mental Health</i> , Tampere, Finland. |
| September 2006 | 'Suicidal Ideation in minority and majority youth', at the 11 th <i>European Symposium on Suicide and Suicidal Behavior</i> , Portoroz, Slovenia. |

September 2005 'Gender and cultural patterns of suicidal behavior. Hindustani women in The Netherlands', at the 13th World Conference of Suicide and Suicidal Behavior, Durban, South Africa.

Organizer of International Symposia

September 2012 'Social, Educational and Psychological Antecedents of Radicalization of Youth in the West at the *Society for Research of Adolescents (SRA)*, Vancouver, Canada
July 2012 'Ethnic Socialization and Child Development' at the *International Association for Cross Cultural Psychology*, Stellenbosch, South Africa

Guest Researcher

August 2011 Guest researcher at the Institute for Migration, University of Oxford, UK [Contact: E. Ersanilli]
October 2007 Guest researcher at the Social Science Research Center, (WZB) Berlin, Germany [Contact: R. Koopmans]

Post-Graduate Education

2005 Summer School in Mixing methods: Combining quantitative and qualitative methods. M. Bergmann, Essex, United Kingdom.
2005 Biographic Narrative Interpretative Method. T. Wengraf, Middlesex University, London, United Kingdom.
2010 Summer Institute on Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Psychology, University of Michigan, USA
2006 Summer Research Institute on Suicide Prevention in Rochester Medical Centre, Rochester, USA
2003-2004 Second Master degree 'Gender, Culture and Modernity' in the department of Sociology, Goldsmiths College, London, United Kingdom. Coursework included: *Anthropology of Health and Illness, Gender & Research Methods, Gendering the Self, Gender, Equality and Difference*

Reviewer

2005-2011 Reviewer for several journals, including *Ethnicity and Health, Social Psychiatry and Psychiatric Epidemiology, Suicidologi* and *Migrantenstudies*

Scholarships, Grants and Prizes

2011 German grant for organizing the symposium 'suicidal behavior of immigrants and their descendants in Europe', (together with A. Heredia-Montesinos (DFG Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft. SCHO 772/2-1) (5000E).

2010	Waiver of tuition fees LGBT summer institute, University of Michigan , USA
2006	Waiver of tuition fees Summer Institute Suicide & Suicide Prevention, Rochester, USA
2004-2008	Conference & Travel grant for 4 international conferences, department of Sociology, VU University (4000E)
2003	Schuurman Schimmel Schuurpenninx van Outeren grant for Master studies at Goldsmiths College (2500E)
2003	Vrijvrouwe van Renswoude grant for Master studies at Goldsmiths College (4500E)
2003	VSB Grant for Master studies at Goldsmiths College (4500E)
2003	Goldsmiths College – Waiver of housing costs (1000E)

Education and Related Coursework

2004-2009	PhD candidate at the Department of Sociology, VU University, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. [PhD received in June 2009]
2008	Oral History and Life stories. S. Wieringa, ASSR, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
2008	Master class in Cross Cultural Psychiatry. A. Kleinman, ASSR, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
2008	Course in Psychiatry, Psychology and Anthropology. P. Ventevogel, COGIS, Utrecht, The Netherlands.
2006	Theory in Action. D. Houtman, ASSR, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
2005	Course in Developmental Psychopathology R. Kuijpers, Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen, The Netherlands.
2005	Course in Multivariate Analysis using SPSS statistics. A. Hoogendoorn, VU, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
1997-2002	Bachelor and Master degree in Sociology at the VU University in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Key modules studied: <i>Issues of Power & Participation, Citizenship and Welfare Regimes, Sociology of Health Care interventions.</i>
1996-1997	Exchange student at Hagagymnasium in Borlange, Sweden with Youth for Understanding (YFU). Courses included <i>Social Sciences, Philosophy and Swedish.</i>
1990-1996	Atheneum (A level studies) in <i>History, English, Dutch, German, Economics and Maths</i> at the Comenius College in Hilversum, The Netherlands.

Teaching

2011	Guest lecturer in the Minor <i>Radicalization and Conflict, Vu University</i> Course coordinator: S. van Stekelenburg
2009 & 2011	Guest lecture for 5 lectures in the course <i>Cultural Diversity and Religion in International Perspective, Sociology, VU University</i> coordinator: S. Saharso.

2010	Supervisor of trainee (Social Research Master student, Utrecht University) at The Netherlands Institute for Social Research
2008	Guest lecturer for the course <i>Experiencing Differences</i> at the University of Amsterdam. Course coordinator: G. Hekma.
2004-2008	(Co) supervisor of three Bachelor theses and two Master theses.
2007	Guest lecturer in the Masterclass <i>suicide and suicide prevention</i> , Clinical Psychology VU University. Course coordinator: A.J.F.M. Kerkhof.
2006	Lecturer and coordinator for the course <i>Immigrant Youth in The Netherlands</i> for BA students in <i>Sociology</i> at the VU University.
2005	Tutor of seminars in <i>Methods of Social Research</i> for BA students at VU University.
2005	Guest Lecturer for the course <i>Debates in Postmodernity</i> at VU University. Course coordinator: C. Delhaye.

Memberships

- * Nederlandse Sociologische Vereniging
- * Member (*Alumnus*) of the Amsterdam School of Social Science Research (ASSR), Amsterdam.
- * Member of the International Association for Suicide and Suicide Prevention (IASP), and member of IASP special interest group on Culture and Suicide.
- * International Affiliate of the American Psychological Association (APA)
- * Member of the Society for Research on Adolescence (SRA)

Press (selection)

Radio Wereld Omroep Interview verschenen 08-10-2011 over zelfmoord wereldwijd en de hulpverlening. <http://www.rnw.nl/suriname/article/een-goed-gesprek-over-zelfmoord>

Volkskrant: Interview verschenen 23-06-2009 over zelfmoordpogingen door migranten meisjes. http://www.volkskrant.nl/archief_gratis/article1248238.ece/Sterke_daling_suicidepogingen_onder_Marokkaanse_meisjes

NOS nieuwsradio: Interview uitgezonden 25-06-2009 over de achtergronden van suïcidaal gedrag bij migranten meisjes http://headlines.nos.nl/forum.php/list_messages/16299

Radio 5: NPS Dichtbij Nederland, Interview uitgezonden 26-06-2009 over suïcidaal gedrag bij migranten meisjes. http://dichtbijnederland.nps.nl/page/09_artikel/780670/0

Het Parool: Interview verschenen 14-07-2009 over de achtergronden van suïcidaal gedrag bij migranten meisjes

Jeugd en Co: interview verschenen oktober 2009, over de verschillende redenen voor zelfmoordpogingen bij migranten meisjes