

GlobeLife Seminar

Professionalism vs Activism in Global Reproductive Health

The Case of Medical Abortion and Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting

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Science has become society's foremost bearer of 'truth'. Global health is a growing subject at universities and in society as whole. A wide range of claim-makers of the 'truth' exist, from advocates for social justice to those who conduct science and present evidence-based results, even if they go against widespread beliefs.

Monday 8th November
2 pm – 4 pm (CET)

Zoom: <https://uu-se.zoom.us/j/66797627181>

What is the basis for 'scientific truths'? Ideology or empirical data?
What impact might this have for higher education?
What are the consequences for health professionalism in a globalized society?

Keynote speakers:



Prof. Birgitta Essén
Professor in Intl. Maternal & Reproductive Health at Uppsala University. Her research profile is SRHR and is a renowned expert on maternal mortality, FGC, and honour violence both in multicultural and limited resource settings.



Prof. Bettina Shell-Duncan
Professor in Anthropology at Washington University. She conducts mixed method biocultural research on maternal and child health in sub-Saharan Africa and is a renowned expert on FGC.



Dr. Ian Askew
Director of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Research, World Health Organization in Geneva (UNDP/UNFPA/UNICEF/WHO/World Bank Special Programme – HRP).



Prof. Kristina Gemzell
Professor in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Karolinska Institutet and Director of the WHO collaborating centre for research and research training in Human Reproduction at KI and the Karolinska university hospital where medical abortion was innovated.