

## 10 June: Gender @ The Lighthouse presents: A Woman's Worth: Honour and Gender Based Violence

**Location: Speaker's Corner, The Hague University of Applied Science**

**Language: English**

**Moderation: Kirsten van den Hul**

**Entrance: free**

*"Why extremists always focus on women remains a mystery to me. But they all do. It doesn't matter what country they're in or what religion they claim. They all want to control women."*

*Hillary Clinton*

Women's bodies have become a battle field on which fights over controlling ideologies are fought. In the eyes of many, women embody the family and community honour. As we've seen in recent conflicts, sexual violence, including rape and slavery, are widespread war strategies. Despite international attempts to address and prosecute these horrendous crimes, many survivors of honour and gender based violence have found it difficult to get access to justice.

But also closer to home, there are many women who suffer from forced marriage, marital captivity, polygamy, honor killing and forced abandonment during a family visit overseas.

On June 10<sup>th</sup>, Gender @ The Lighthouse invites two experts on honour and gender based violence to talk about the injustice women face and what we can do to break the silence.

This programme is organised in partnership with the Ad Pacem Foundation.

- 16:00 Welcome and introduction by moderator Kirsten van den Hul
- 16:10 Mini-lecture on Honour-Based Violence and Justice in Conflict Zones by Dr Nazand Begikhani, Senior Research Fellow at the University of Bristol, Centre for Gender and Violence Research
- 16:40 questions from the audience, moderated by Kirsten van den Hul
- 16:50 Presentation by Shirin Musa, founder of Dutch NGO Femmes for Freedom, on their work in the fight against marriage captivity, forced marriage and honour killings in the Netherlands
- 17:10 Q&A with Kirsten van den Hul and both speakers and the audience. Questions could include:
  - is this topic high enough on the political and academic agenda?
  - what can/should we do at school?
  - what can/should we do as individuals, if we suspect someone we know is the victim of honour violence and/or forced marriage/marriage captivity?
- 17:45 Closing words by Kirsten van den Hul, drinks at Lighthouse Café