

WINNER FSS RESEARCH AWARD 2019



Halleh Ghorashi (Sociology) (winner)

Over the last 20 years, Ghorashi has been combining a variety of disciplinary angles (anthropology, sociology, gender studies, philosophy and organisation studies) to research the processes of inclusion and exclusion involved in migrants' and refugees' life trajectories. Drawing on her expertise in discourse analysis, ethnographic research, life stories, and experimental co-creative methodology, she has contributed to ongoing discussions on diversity and inclusion/belonging in the context of democratic culture. In 2018, she received an NWO-VICI grant for the project Engaged Scholarship and Narratives of Change in Comparative Perspective. This project aims to investigate and contribute to a more comprehensive and transformative form of co-operation between academia and society, based on the assumption that engaged scholarship has a role in enlarging societal/academic imaginations toward societal inclusion. The empirical goal of the project is the societal inclusion of refugees (by using narratives and co-creation methodology) in South Africa, the US, and The Netherlands.