

MENTAL HEALTH: AN UNSEEN FORCE IN SEXUAL & REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SEMINAR

DATE & LOCATION

13:00-14:00 on Thursday, May 9, 2019 at ICRH in Meeting Room 2

DR. JENNEKE VAN DITZHUIJZEN

Abortion, contraception and associations with mental health: Flipping the perspective

Dr. Van Ditzhuijzen wrote her PhD thesis (2016) on *Abortion and mental health – A longitudinal study of common mental disorders among women who terminated an unwanted pregnancy* at Utrecht University in Utrecht, the Netherlands. She is an experimental psychologist who has transitioned to the interdisciplinary fields of social sciences and public health. Dr. Van Ditzhuijzen has worked as a post doctoral research fellow and assistant professor in Interdisciplinary Social Sciences at Utrecht University. Her current field of expertise is abortion, unintended pregnancy and contraception, which she aims to build on through future research into the sexual and reproductive healthcare needs of women in mental healthcare.

DR. EZGI TOPLU DEMIRTAŞ

Untangling psychological dating violence and its links with depression in survivors: Analysis of heterosexual & LGBT college students in Turkey & US

Dr. Toplu Demirtaş wrote her PhD thesis (2015) on *Psychological aggression perpetration among dating college students: The interplay of societal, parental, and personal factors* at the Middle East Technical University in Ankara, Turkey. She is currently an assistant professor in the Department of Guidance and Psychological Counselling at the MEF University. Dr. Toplu Demirtaş is the recipient of a 2019-2020 Fulbright Scholarship to research at the Florida State University. Her future research interests include sexual aggression and its links with depression in victims, and an exploration of this phenomenon in LGBT refugees/applicants of international protection in Belgium and Turkey.