

Gender Regimes and Power Dynamics in Transnational Conjuality

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Abstract

Marital choices are no longer confined to small geographic areas. Intimate and romantic encounters now occur on a global scale, extending matrimonial recruitment beyond borders, particularly between Western and non-Western regions (Sizaire 2021a). However, this distribution is not random; it is shaped by gendered logics, as evidenced by research on transnational intimacies and conjugalities (Croucher 2013; Constable 2003; Fechter 2016; Fresnoza-Flot 2021; Despres 2021) and statistics on binational marriages (Niedomysl, Östh, and Ham 2010; Levchenko and Solheim 2013; Sizaire 2021b).

Drawing on my previous research on French-Post-Soviet intimacies and ongoing investigations into privileged mobility and transnational conjuality in West Africa and South-East Asia, I argue that the concept of gender regimes is a heuristic tool to fully understand the growth of transnational relationships. Gender regimes refer to the specific rules and norms each nation builds to organize gender relations (Yuval-Davis 1997). These norms are historically and geographically situated and constantly evolving, albeit slowly. By understanding these dynamics, we can better comprehend the complex nature of globalized intimate relationships and the evolving power structures within them.

Biography of the speaker



Dr Laure Sizaire obtained her PhD in socio-anthropology from the Université Lumière Lyon 2 in 2021. In 2023, she joined the Laboratoire d'Anthropologie des Mondes Contemporains (LAMC) at the Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB) as a post-doctoral researcher on the **AspirE** project. In 2024, she starts a MSCA fellowship. Her research focuses on the intersections of transnational conjuality, gender, and migration, as well as the reconfiguration of power relations in these contexts.

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