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‘You are suffering!’

The victimisation and remaking of circumcised women in Burkina Faso

with

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Date: Monday, 15 May 2017, 10.15 – 11.30

Place: Uppsala University, English Park Campus, Building 2,
Room 2-0076, Thunbergsv. 3H

Dr. Nyarango will discuss the phenomenon of reconstructive surgery after female circumcision as practised in the urban areas of Burkina Faso. Margaret will explore the framing of the discourse that is used in ‘the fight against female genital mutilation’, the involvement of the political class and the country’s ‘Afropolitans’ in the formulation and delivery of this discourse and the manner in which this inadvertently re-victimises circumcised women and girls and convinces them that they need reconstructive surgery. She will also highlight the case of some Burkinabe women who seem to have found a space of fulfilment by combining precepts from the Raelian Movement with select messages from the other value systems which co-exist in the country: traditional Burkinabe ideals, western feminist discourses, the country’s legal domain and the government-supported health system.



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