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## Propositions relating to the dissertation

# SITUATING "WICKED" WOMEN

# Gender Panic and Savoir Vivre in Urban Senegal

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#### Propositions relating to the dissertation

- 1. Anti-queer mobilisation cannot be understood simply as the expression of homophobia (the fear or hatred of homosexuality).
- 2. Dependency on others, paradoxically, brings freedom.
- 3. Visibility renders vulnerable.
- 4. Human rights activism needs to move away from a language of individuated rights, and instead approach questions of sexuality and reproduction as socially mediated practices that complicate notions of liberal subjecthood.

### Propositions relating to the broader academic discipline

- 5. LGBTQI+ discourse describes, but also fabricates and erases, identities.
- 6. Ethnographic research is crucial to undo nationalist and populist rhetoric that appropriates identity politics as a way of pitting groups against one another.
- 7. Guidelines for fieldwork that are currently in place at many Dutch universities, reinforce gender as well as other social inequalities in academia.
- 8. The current system of anonymous peer reviews contributes to the perpetuation of a gendered division of labour in academia.

### Other propositions

- 9. Student wellbeing weeks at universities do more harm than good.
- 10. The announced budget cuts in Dutch higher education, particularly in the Humanities and Social Sciences, show that critical thinking is perceived as a major threat to the political status quo.
- 11. The Dutch government's plans to send rejected asylum seekers to Uganda, a country that signed an extremely harsh anti-LGBTQI+ law in 2023, shows that human suffering is a major business model in this world.
- 12. The game of Ultimate Frisbee can teach us a lot about how to solve conflicts and establish conviviality.