



# Rafaela Rigoni

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## SUMMARY

My research and consultancy work focuses on drug policies and harm reduction. I am an expert on qualitative and participatory approaches, including context-specific research and comparisons across countries and cultures. Intellectual curiosity and societal relevance drive my work. As a consultant, I perform needs assessments, monitoring and evaluation, policy briefs and research. I value diversity, autonomy and teamwork

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## RECENT EXPERIENCE

### **Research consultant, founder | R.Rigoni Consultancy | Amsterdam, Netherlands | September 2015 – present**

- Co-coordinating research on the influence of Needle and Syringe Exchange Programs in the quality of life of people who inject drugs in Tanzania. Client: Mainline Foundation, current.
- Developed a practical guide on the involvement and management of people who use drugs in harm reduction programs in South Africa. Client: Mainline Foundation, 2020.
- Wrote a policy brief on Community-based harm reduction programs integrating HCV and HIV. Client: International Aids Society, 2019.
- Led an international research project on harm reduction practices for stimulant drugs. Client: Mainline Foundation, 2017-2018.
- Performed a needs assessment of harm reduction programs in South Africa and Indonesia. Client: Mainline Foundation, 2015.

### **Research Officer | Correlation – European Harm Reduction Network | Amsterdam, Netherlands | September 2019 – present**

- Co-coordinating civil society-led monitoring of Harm Reduction in Europe (35 countries).
- Researching the European preparedness to respond to Synthetic Opioids (6 partners, 5 countries).
- Writing academic publication and policy brief on policy recommendations for stimulants' use (5 partners, 5 countries).

### **Guest researcher | Utrecht University | Utrecht, Netherlands | August 2019 - present**

- Developing a serious game for awareness-raising and critical thinking of current regulations around drugs.
- Contributing to an interdisciplinary group of drug researchers (criminology, history, neuroscience, game research, computing science).
- Working in university-community engagement with civil society organizations and other stakeholders.

### **Post-doctoral researcher | Utrecht University | Utrecht, Amsterdam | January 2017 – July 2019**

- Researched the history of drug regulatory regimes in the Netherlands in the 1970s and recent years (archival research).
- Organized international conferences and seminars on drug policy.
- Lectured in a course on drugs and drug policies.
- Published in peer-reviewed journals and books.

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## EDUCATION

**PhD in Development Studies | Erasmus University of Rotterdam | Netherlands, Brazil | 2015**

**MA in Social Psychology | Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul | Porto Alegre, Brazil | 2006**

**Bachelor in Psychology | Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul | Porto Alegre, Brazil | 2003**

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## SKILLS

**Language: English, Portuguese, Spanish and Dutch.**

**Soft-skills: organizing, team work, flexibility, self-reliance.**

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## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### **Peer reviewed journals**

- Rigoni, R.; Woods, S.; Breeksema, J. (2019) From opiates to methamphetamine: building new harm reduction responses in Jakarta, Indonesia. *Harm Reduction Journal*, v.16 (67), pp. 1-13.
- Rigoni, R. (2019) "Drugs Paradise": Dutch Stereotypes and Substance Regulation in European Collaborations on Drug Policies in the 1970s. *Contemporary Drug Problems*, v. 43 (3), pp. 219-240.
- Rigoni, R. (2017). Double Expectations: Law Enforcement Workers and Dilemmas on Handling Drug Use at the Street Level. *International Journal of Criminology and Sociology* v.6, p.103-116.
- Rigoni, R. (2015) Surveillance cultures, chains and holes in street-level networking: dealing with drug users in Amsterdam (Netherlands) and Porto Alegre (Brazil). *Surveillance & Society* 13(3/4):497-511.

### **Professional publications**

- Rigoni, R.(2020) Reducing the harms in the work environment: Recommendations for employing and managing peers in harm reduction programmes in South Africa. Mainline: Amsterdam.
- Tammi, T.; Rigoni, R.; Matičič, M.; Schäffer, D.; van der Gouwe, D.; Schiffer, K.; Perez Gayo, R., Schatz, E. (2020). Civil Society Monitoring of Harm Reduction in Europe, 2019. Data Report. Correlation European Harm Reduction Network, Amsterdam.
- Rigoni, R.; Breeksema, J.; Woods, S. (2018) Speed Limits: Harm Reduction for People Who use Stimulants. Mainline: Amsterdam.

### **Books and chapters**

- Rigoni, R (2019). Controlling drugs in Europe: the first collaboration attempts. In: Kaló,Z.; Tieberghien, J.; Korf, D.J. (Eds). *Why? Explanations for drug use and drug dealing in social drug research*. Lengerich: PABST Science Publishers.
- Rigoni, R. (2016) Benefits and challenges of qualitative methodologies in cross-cultural psychology studies. In: C. Roland-Lévy, P. Denoux, B. Voyer, P. Boski & W. K. Gabrenya Jr. (Eds.), *Unity, diversity and culture: Research and Scholarship Selected from the 22nd Congress of the International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology* (pp. 38-42). Melbourne, Florida USA: International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology.
- Rigoni, R. (2015) 'Between Care and Order: Street-Level Workers' Discretion and Drug Policies in Amsterdam (the Netherlands) and Porto Alegre (Brazil)', Doctorate. Amsterdam: Erasmus University Rotterdam.