

# Contents

---

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| <b>Acknowledgements .....</b>  | 7   |
| <b>List of abbreviations .....</b>   | 9   |
| <b>Introduction .....</b>  | 11  |
| Methodological and theoretical framework .....   | 18  |
| Addressing the research subjects: The crux of labelling .....  | 23  |
| Structure .....  | 27  |
| Further notes .....  | 28  |
| <br><b>Chapter 1. Trans research: Of gender ambiguity, gender dysphoria<br/>and gender recognition.....</b>      | 31  |
| 1.1 Gender non-conforming people from an anthropological perspective:<br>A few selected cases .....              | 33  |
| 1.2 From sexual deviance to gender fluidity .....  | 37  |
| 1.3 The situation in Spain and Andalusia: From criminalisation to inclusion<br>in the Public Health System ..... | 43  |
| 1.4 Some numbers .....   | 48  |
| <br><b>Chapter 2. Embodied feelings: The sense of self-awareness of others .....</b>                             | 51  |
| 2.1 Memories of sex and gender .....   | 53  |
| 2.2 The meaning of the genitalia in relation to sex/gender awareness.....  | 61  |
| 2.3 It's in the brain: The dualism between body and mind .....   | 71  |
| 2.4 Further thoughts about the concept of the body and dualism .....   | 76  |
| <br><b>Chapter 3. In search of a solution: Of agency and changing structures.....</b>                            | 81  |
| 3.1 Stopping a snowball in Andalusia.....  | 82  |
| 3.2 Sources of information and ways of adapting .....  | 85  |
| 3.3 Media as a source of information, representation and communication .....                                     | 93  |
| 3.4 Associations as points of information, support and political action.....                                     | 103 |
| 3.5 Conclusion .....   | 108 |

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| <b>Chapter 4. To make a living .....</b>                    | 111 |
| 4.1 The work situation as a challenge .....                 | 111 |
| 4.2 School and education .....                              | 112 |
| 4.3 The tenacity of stereotypes .....                       | 116 |
| 4.4 Sex work .....  | 118 |
| 4.5 Cabaret and entertainment .....                         | 126 |
| 4.6 Being employed .....                                    | 142 |
| 4.7 Without a job .....                                     | 143 |
| 4.8 Concluding remarks .....                                | 146 |
| <br>  |     |
| <b>Chapter 5. Transfigured families .....</b>               | 149 |
| 5.1 Of parents and siblings .....                           | 150 |
| 5.2 Of partners and children .....                          | 163 |
| 5.3 Who first to tell .....                                 | 168 |
| 5.4 Without familial support .....                          | 170 |
| 5.5 Concluding remarks .....                                | 174 |
| 5.6 Summary.....  | 175 |
| <br>  |     |
| <b>Chapter 6. The quest for citizenship .....</b>           | 177 |
| 6.1 The <i>1 Orgullo Trans</i> (The first Trans Pride)..... | 178 |
| 6.2 Private and public / Intimacy and citizenship .....     | 191 |
| 6.3 Identity and community.....                             | 195 |
| 6.4 Some further thoughts.....                              | 201 |
| <br>  |     |
| <b>Discussion .....</b>                                     | 203 |
| <br>  |     |
| <b>References .....</b>                                     | 213 |
| <br>  |     |
| <b>Index of Research Partners .....</b>                     | 225 |