

Queerseminariet vid Stockholms universitet/The Seminars in Queer Studies at
Stockholm University
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Tema: Queert och medicinskt / Queer and medicine

7 september, kl. 16.30-18 (Matilda Lindgren)

Zoom, ENG

Queer Ethics, Medical Practice and the New Reproductive Landscape of Donor Eggs

What is a queer reproductive ethics in a time where donor eggs and embryos are increasingly part single, lesbian and trans people's reproductive pathways? In this talk, **Matilda Lindgren** explores this question by drawing on her PhD thesis *Caring for Conception: The ontological politics of gamete donation practices in Sweden* (2026). Building on the narratives of single and queer people with experience of donating and receiving eggs and embryos in and outside of Sweden, the paper highlights how queer reproductive practices challenge taken-for-granted mandates of medical ethics. Theoretically, the paper advances the work of medical anthropologist Anne-Marie Mol (1999; 2002; 2008) to show how non-heterosexual reproductive pathways not only changes what egg donation may become, but also, how a queer reproductive ethics may be formulated differently when understood as emerging from and within practices. Contributing to public and scholarly debates concerning reproductive rights and the increasing marketization of assisted reproduction, including the feminization of reproductive labour, the paper suggests aligning queer and feminist ethico-political concerns not with universal claims nor individual identities but with a relational, practice-based ontology that includes reproductive time.

Matilda Lindgren, PhD, Affiliated Researcher at the Centre for Gender Research and the WOMHER Research School, Uppsala University is an inter-disciplinary scholar trained in Gender Studies, Global Health, SRHR and Mental Health.

14 oktober, kl. 17-19 (Pia Laskar, Tiina Rosenberg & Jens Rydström, moderator Fanny Ambjörnsson) Accelerator, Stockholms universitet, Frescativägen 26A, Seminarierummet

Panelsamtal och firande: Queerseminariet 30 år!

Accelerator, SV

För trettio år sedan var queerteori nytt, omstörtande och omdiskuterat. Vid Stockholms universitet samlades en grupp forskare för att diskutera de nya idéerna – och startade det som skulle bli Sveriges första och äldsta queerseminarium. Sedan dess har mycket hänt. Queerteori har blivit ett etablerat forskningsfält, samtidigt som frågor om kön, sexualitet och normer återigen står i centrum för politiska konflikter. Så vad händer, var befinner vi oss nu, och hur ser framtiden ut?

Vi firar Queerseminariet 30 år med ett samtal mellan tre tongivande queerforskare som var med från början: idéhistorikern **Pia Laskar**, teatervetaren **Tiina Rosenberg** och historikern **Jens Rydström**. Moderator är genusvetaren **Fanny Ambjörnsson**.

Dörrarna öppnas kl. 17, samtalet börjar 17.30. Det går att köpa dryck i Accelerators bar till självkostnadspris. Queerseminariet bjuder på tilltugg. **Obs! Begränsat antal platser. Anmäl dig senast en vecka innan seminariet, dvs. 7 oktober, till elin.bengtsson@gender.su.se.**

18 november, kl. 16.30-18 (Mike Sappol)

Zoom, ENG

Reckoning with *Queer Anatomies*: Aesthetics, ethics & perverse desire in the anatomical image; Or, The Epistemology of the Anatomical Closet

Sexual body-parts and same-sex desire were unmentionables in 18th- and 19th-century Europe, debarred from polite conversation and printed discourse. Yet one scientific discipline – anatomy – had license to represent the intimate details of the human body – rectum and genitalia included. Anatomical figures gave off heat, provided both pleasure and legitimation: anatomy was a foundational subject in art *and* medical pedagogy, and in the encyclopedic curriculum of Enlightenment discourse. Philosophical, medical and connoisseurial competence, all depended on a secure knowledge of anatomy. Yet our historical actors didn't declare their erotic interests. If, as Eve Sedgwick argued, "closeted-ness...is a performance initiated...by the speech act of a silence," then we need to peer into their textual and representational spaces, and decode their images and actions. Focusing on celebrated atlases and works that danced on the borderline of respectability, **Mike Sappol** uses queer theory, close reading, and the comparative method to recover the lost world of Enlightenment and post-Enlightenment anatomy and desire.

Michael Sappol is a historian of the visual culture of medicine and science, and Visiting Researcher in the History of Science & Ideas at Uppsala University.

This talk shows historical drawings and printed images of dissected and whole human bodies and body-parts, including genitalia and rectums.

12 januari, kl 16.30-18 (Linn Sandberg & Anna Siverskog)

Zoom, SV

"Jag vill inte ha en stämpel i pannan" – queera liv med demenssjukdomar i skärningspunkten mellan kognonormativitet och heteronormativitet.

Queera liv har präglats av medikalisering och i synnerhet hbtq-personer som tillhör de äldsta generationerna har levt i tider där hbtq-identiteter setts som sjuka och avvikande. Vad innebär det då att få en demenssjukdom, sjukdomar som är starkt stigmatiserade och ofta benämns i avhumaniserande termer som "förlust av jaget" eller monstrositet? Och hur är begreppet kognonormativitet användbart och betydelsefullt för queerforskningen – för att utmana medikaliseringen av personer som lever med glömska? Med utgångspunkt i sin forskning inom det framväxande fältet kritiska demensstudier diskuterar Sandberg och Siverskog hur deltagarna i deras studie, queera personer som lever med demens, gjorde motstånd mot, undvek eller destabiliserade så väl sexualitet som demens som medicinsk klassificering.

Linn Sandberg är professor i genusvetenskap vid Södertörns högskola och **Anna Siverskog** är docent i genusvetenskap, Södertörns högskola, och lektor i socialt arbete, Uppsala universitet

***Queerseminariet/The Seminars in Queer Studies** are interdisciplinary seminars linked to gender studies at Stockholm University and has been running since the spring semester of 1996. They deal with humanities and social science research with critical perspectives on heteronormativity. The seminars are open to anyone interested, regardless of academic level or affiliation. For more information, tips, and comments, or to be added to our mailing list, please contact Elin Bengtsson. Registration for the Zoom seminars is done by emailing Elin Bengtsson no later than the day before the seminar in question.*

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