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ISNO Lecture Series HS22: Queerness in the Middle East: History, Activism & Social Change

The study of Queerness in the Middle East is becoming an established field of research. While previous scholarship mostly focused on the normative aspects, looking for example at sexual identities and Islam, more recently, and especially after the 2011 upheavals, the focus shifted to communities in the Middle East. In this lecture series we would like to see where we stand and what new research perspective are emerging. For example, we will look at the situation of LGBTQI+ rights in different countries in the Middle East, at the role of activism, at discussions on queer-friendly language, or at the importance of historical overviews in order to counter-act to essentialist representations of queerness as external to the Middle East.

The lecture series is open to the public and will be streamed entirely via Zoom or take place on-site at the University of Bern with the option of joining it online.

Tuesday, 16:15 – 18h, Room: F011, Unitobler, Lerchenweg 36, 3012 Bern

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20.09.2022

Queerness and Middle Eastern Studies: Why Does that Matter?

Serena Tolino (University of Bern)

04.10.2022

Queere Vergangenheit, homophobe Gegenwart? Der Umgang der iranischen Gesellschaft mit der mann-männlichen Begierde im Laufe der Zeit

Arash Guitoo, (Kiel University)

18.10.2022

Abstinence in War: Thinking about Sexuality and Revolution in Kurdistan

Isabel Käser (University of Bern)

08.11.2022

Queer Artivism in the Post-revolutionary North Africa: Postcards from the Future

Sara Borrillo (University of Rome Tor Vergata)

22.11.2022

Performing Arts as an Act of Queer Activism in Lebanon

Abed al Wahab Kassir (University of Bern)

06.12.2022

Criminalization of Homosexuality in Tunisia, From Colonialism to Present Day Activism

Ramy Khouili (Association Tunisienne des Femmes Démocrates)

20.12.2022

Book Presentation «Sex and Desire in Muslim Cultures - Beyond Norms and Transgressions from the Abbasids to the Present Day»

With the editors Aymon Kreil (Ghent University), Lucia Sorbera (University of Sydney), Serena Tolino (University of Bern). Discussant: Bettina Dennerlein (University of Zurich)

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