

4. Género e sexualidades

OC - (22865) - GERMAN-SPEAKING DISCOURSES ON LGBTIQ*- SEXUALITIES: AN ETHICAL RELATION OF THE SELF

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In the German-speaking world, on the one hand, there has been an increasing (legal) recognition and de-pathologisation of LGBTIQ* sexualities. On the other hand, there is an antigender backlash and sexual exceptionalism that goes hand in hand with the rise of right-wing populism, as well as there is a continuing process of neoliberalisation that benefits from LGBTIQ* achievements. In this context, the field of sexual education in particular has recently become the subject of heated controversy (e.g. A demonstration by right-wing extremist groups against the children's book reading of a DragQueen in Vienna 2023). Against this backdrop, this article will focus on sexuality education discourses on LGBTIQ* sexualities. Based on Michel Foucault's (1985) thinking, the paper asks which possibilities of the "ethical relations of the self to the self" are articulated in these discourses. For this purpose, discourse analysis will be conducted to examine educational materials (magazines, homepages, online blogs) produced from the LGBTIQ* Community in Germany, Austria and Switzerland between 2015 and 2023. The aim is to examine what ethical content is problematized in these discourses (e.g. pleasure, desire, identity, body), what modes of subjugation and self-techniques and what goals (telos) are articulated. (Foucault 1985). Where do LGBTIQ* community discourses manifest forms of (state) governance of the self through sexuality and where do they perhaps succeed in opening up an "ethics of desubjectivation"? The results show that in the LGBTIQ* community discourses, on the one hand, moral codes and sexual norms are disrupted and questioned and that sexuality is no longer only negotiated as an identity. On the other hand, there are also tendencies towards an individualistic sexual ethic based on autonomy.

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