

Liminalis 2009 – Call for Papers

Intersex and Transgender in Movement!

In the early 1990s two New Social Movements arose in the USA. These movements rapidly became international movements under the umbrella names “transgender” and “intersex”.

Both movements have similar starting points: the diverse forms of societal discrimination on the basis of the pathologization and normalization of bodies, identities and performativities. In academic literature they are subsumed under the term “New Gender Movements”. However, this term obscures the activists’ different experiences, strategies and goals and the inherent conflicts and misunderstandings between as well as within the two movements. Potentially shared goals such as the critique of a heteronormative society are often portrayed undifferentiatedly, the politics of the movements hereby become limited to minority politics and their vigor is undermined.

Since its foundation *Liminalis*, a “journal for sex/gender emancipation”, tries to focus attention on both social movements and their specific and diverse topics. In doing so, a non-pathologizing and non-exotizing engagement, which pays justice to the aims of these emancipatory social movements is aspired. For the third edition we invite papers that discuss the birth of transgender and intersex movements, their development, strategies, methods and goals in a differentiated and balanced way but also their differences and similarities, their conflicts and collaboration. Contributions that reveal the diversity of these movements in terms of different identities and social, political and cultural contexts are very welcome.

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