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**CALL FOR PAPERS**

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***Trans-actions of Gender: trans\* and intersex resonances and knowledges***

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This special issue of ***ex aequo*** intends to analyse the resonances and effects of the questions of trans\* and intersex identifications, gender identities and expressions in the production of feminist theory, queer theory and gender studies. In the last few years, besides an increase in books and journals (such as *Transgender Studies Quarterly*), the reflection and analysis on the positions of trans\* and intersex people are one of the most vibrant areas in feminist inquiry and intervention nowadays. Since the times of the notorious *The “Empire” Strikes Back: a posttransexual manifesto* by Sandy Stone (2006, first published in 1992), the publication of The Transgender Studies Reader(s) (with its second edition, Stryker & Azura, 2013), in the anglo world, these areas, also known as trans theory have been widely thought, disputed and transposed to public policies. Latin America has produced generously to this debate, showing not only a concern with the genocide of trans\* people, framing it under a policy of transfeminicide (Bento, 2016). In the case of intersex people, the difficulty to conceptualize the construction of sex, as well as gender, has been denounced (Machado, 2005; Fausto-Sterling, 2013; Butler, 2004).

We seek to trace the body of work produced on these subjects, specifically in the Portuguese and Spanish speaking world, while trying to reflect on the impacts of the questioning and problematizations raised by the trans\*, transfeminist and intersex movement and their impact and effects on public policies and research. Therefore this special issue will detail the intense debates, dialogues, conflicts, harmonies and dissents between trans\* and intersex perspective in their plurality with feminisms, gender studies, queer theory and LGBT studies, in a perspective very directly concerned with epistemologies of the south and to intersex and trans\* (de)subjugated knowledges (Butler, 2004; Davy, 2015; Missé & Coll-Planas, 2010; Stryker, 2006).

We use the idea of trans\*, as defined by Lucas Platero (2014), as a wide concept to include transsexual, transgender and trans, *travesti* identifications, identities and expression of gender and others, thought in a heterogeneous, multiple way and not necessarily circumscribed to sex and gender binaries. The Intersex Society of North America defines, as its mission, to provoke systemic change on the situation of people that are born with an anatomy that is considered unconventional for binary standards.

This special issue welcomes works that question these subject positions, that depart from classification of trans\* and intersex people rather than strictly medical or psychiatric exogenous classifications, that disregard the positions and self-identification of these persons. From the trans\* and intersex plurality and diversity, we aim to keep track of the interseccionalities of these positions with class, ‘race’, functional diversity and other axes of the matrix of oppression and priviledge. Also, we aim at showing how public policies embody (or not) these intersections.

In the organisation of this special issue, our position is clearly identitified with a depathologizing perspective of trans\* and intersex people with a desire and alliance that these identifications are legally recognised. We aim to compose in this special issue a complex and polyphonic portrait, showing the effects of trans\* and intersex narratives in the ways to tell feminist and gendered stories, the plurality of epistemologies and their reverbs on public policies (Butler, 2004). We hope to have polemics and dissent, besides the possible consensus, given the multiple positions on these intersectionalities.

**Possible topics include:**

1. Public policies for trans\* and intersex people in several countries with diferente legal backgrounds
2. Gender transits and transcendences versus gender identities
3. Materialities of gender
4. Cisnormativity and its effects on trans\* and intersex debates
5. Analysis of the social, economical, medical, technological and political contingencies of trans\* and intersex people
6. Feminisms and transfeminisms
7. trans\* and intersex demographies, vitimation, violence, murder e genocide
8. transphobia and other forms of discrimination
9. (post) colonialities and trans\* and intersex decolonisation
10. dessubjugation of trans\* and intersex knowledges and movements
11. encounters, hybridizations and translations of trans\* and intersex knowledges and other knowledges
12. trans and intersex intersection with other axes of matrix of priviledge and oppression
13. trans\* and intersex assemblages

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