Laboratorio

Social and juridicial institutionalisation and deinstitutionalisation: the case of gender classification

Abstract

The workshop on "Social and juridicial institutionalisation and deinstitutionalisation: the case of gender classification" aims to analyse the processes of socio-legal categorisation of transgender people taking into account the empirical analyses of discrimination and violence suffered by LGBTQI+ people. The general objective of the workshop focuses on the development of a critical reflection on the challenges that transgender subjectivities pose to the prevailing socio-legal classificatory logics, which are accused of erasing the specificity of trans experience and of limiting the interpretation of social reproduction of hegemonies.

Guest

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Activities

- 1) Overview of the development of Transgender Studies and the ways in which they challenge the main categorisations of LGBTQI+ subjectivities prevailing interpretations of their victimisation.
- 2) Analysis of a selection of empirical data collected with the regional survey in Emilia-Romagna (2021/2022) to show: a) how the sample uses the identity categories of the questionnaire and sometimes exceeds them; b) the main measures of the relational and institutional forms of discrimination and violence
- 3) Focus on the victimisation of transgender people. Applied analysis: small groups (for about 20 minutes) to try to interpret the causes and meanings of the selected forms of discrimination and violence.
- 4) Collective of the small groups' output and comparison with the results of the qualitative interviews with the transgender people involved in the research.

Compulsory Reading

Dean Spade, WHAT'S WRONG WITH RIGHTS?, in Id., Normal Life: Administrative Violence, Critical Trans Politics, and the Limits of Law, Duke University Press, 2015, pp. 38-49.

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