

**Sex and Gender in Medicine and Psychiatry, Modul 3**  
**Mi. 14.00-16.00, 2.10 Institut für Ethnologie**  
**17.4.-17.7.**

How we can understand the interface of the categories sex and gender on the one hand and of the ‘professions’ of medicine and psychiatry on the other from a social anthropological view? How did socio-cultural notions of gender influence ‘scientific’ ideas of medical and psychiatric diagnoses? And how do medical categories in the end influence our gendered everyday life? Perhaps one of the most challenging questions is: Should we speak of something like sex different from gender in the social sciences, even if it was identified as a ‘construction’ by some authors which came up due to the scientific revolution? In this class we are going to inquire, discuss and think about these and more questions. You are going to read about the medical invention of sex, to reconsider the theoretical question if there is anything like ‘sex’ and ‘gender’ at all, to question who at least defines our sexuality and to comprehend how diagnoses are moulded within the medical and psychiatric profession and mirror socio-cultural concepts of sex and gender.

**Readings:**

**„But my Good Woman, You are a Man!“ – What does Medicine has to do with Gender?**

DREGER, Alice Domurat (1998): *Hermaphrodites and the Medical Invention of Sex*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press. > Prologue: “But My Good Woman, You are a Man!”, pp. 1-15, Chapter 1: Doubtful Sex, pp. 15-45., Chapter 2: Doubtful Status, pp. 46-78

**Theoretical Framework: The ‘Gender-Discourse’ of Sexology and Psychiatry**

FOUCAULT, Michel (1999): *Der Wille zum Wissen*. =Sexualität und Wahrheit Bd.1. Frankfurt am Main: Suhrkamp.

BUTLER, Judith: *Undoing Gender*. New York; London: Routledge, 2004.; > Introduction: Acting in Concert, pp. 1- 16; 3 Doing Justice to Someone: Sex Reassignment and Allegories of Transsexuality, pp. 57-74; 4 Undiagnosing Gender, pp. 75-101

**The Scientific ‘Making’ of Sex and Gender**

VOß, Heinz-Jürgen (2010): *Making Sex Revisited. Dekonstruktion des Geschlechts aus biologisch-medizinischer Perspektive*. Bielefeld: 2., unveränd. Aufl., Transcript-Verlag. > Kapitel II Zur Konstituierung von Geschlecht in modernen biologisch-medizinischen Wissenschaften, pp. 89-236

IRVINE, Janice (2005): *Disorders Of Desire: Sexuality And Gender In Modern American Sexology*. Philadelphia: Temple University Press. > Introduction, S. 1-14, Chapter 5, Conflict and Accommodation: Who defines Sexuality?, S. 111- 132, The Practice of Scientific Sexology: Sex Therapy and Gender Research, S. 133-138, Chapter Seven, Regulated Passions: The Invention of Inhibited Sexual Desire and Sex Addiction, S. 163-184

HANAFI, Zakiya (2000): *The Monster in the Machine: Magic, Medicine, and the Marvelous in the Time of the Scientific Revolution*. Durham [u.a]: Duke University Press. >One: The Origins of Monsters, S. 1-15, Four: Medicine and the Mechanized Body, S. 97-134.

### **Psychiatric Diagnoses and (Female) Gender**

HACKING, Ian (1998): *Rewriting the Soul. Multiple Personality and the Sciences of Memories*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton Univ. Press. > Introduction, pp. 3-7; Chapter 1 Is it Real?, pp. 8-20; Chapter 2 What is it like?, pp. 21-38; Chapter 3 The Movement, pp. 39-54; Chapter 4 Child Abuse, pp. 55-68; Chapter 5 Gender, pp. 69-80

DAVAR, Bhargavi V. (1999): Mental Health of Indian Women. New Delhi [u.a.]: Sage. > Chapter 2: Gender and Aetiology, pp. 68-136

Renu, Addlakha (2001): Lay and Medical Diagnoses of Psychiatric Disorders and the Normative Construction of Feminity. In: Davar, Bhargavi V. (ed.), *Mental Health from a Gender Perspective*, pp. 313-333. New Delhi [u.a]: Sage Publications.

### **Socio-Cultural Context of Medical Categories: From Homosexuality to Transgender**

Greenberg, David F.(1988): *The Construction of Homosexuality*. Chicago [u.a.]:The University of Chicago Press. > 1 Theorizing the Prohibition against Homosexuality S. 1-24, > 9 The Medicalization of Homosexuality, S. 397-433

VALENTINE, David (2007): *Imagining Transgender. An Ethnography of a Category*. Durham [u.a.]: Duke Univ. Press. > Part I: Imagining Transgender, pp. 3-67; Part II: Making Community, Conceiving Identity, pp. 68-139