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An Erotic Toolkit: Asexual and Aromantic Critiques of Heteronormativity

ABSTRACT

This talk will explore the feminist, queer, and anti-racist tradition of the erotic, drawing on Audre Lorde's work in particular. The author will discuss how the erotic provides a distinct model for theorizing relating that creates space for the inclusion of asexuality and challenges compulsory sexuality.

BIO

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