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TRANS-FORMATIONS ONLINE SEMINAR SERIES SEMINAR I: EXTERNAL OBSERVERS AND KEY TERMS

Date: September 29, 2025

Introduction

The TRANS-FORMATIONS project is pleased to announce its upcoming academic meeting to be held on **29 September 2025**. This gathering is an exceptional opportunity to explore fundamental concepts in contemporary trans* and queer studies, fostering interdisciplinary dialogue among researchers and academics interested in these topics.

The meeting is structured around the exploration and discussion of key terms that constitute conceptual pillars in our project. Through short presentations, debates, and interactive sessions, participants will have the opportunity to deepen their understanding of these concepts and their application in various academic and social contexts.

Detailed Programme

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16:30 – 17:00 | Welcome and Introduction

(Participants: María Isabel Romero-Ruiz and Rocío Carrasco-Carrasco)



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17:00 – 18:00 | Session I: Key Terms and Discussion I (Chair: Rocío Carrasco-Carrasco)

The first thematic session will address fundamental concepts that articulate much of contemporary discourse in trans and queer studies:

- **Trans***: We will explore the evolution of this term, its various interpretations, and its importance as an analytical and experiential category. The political, social, and cultural implications of trans identities in different contexts will be analysed. (Participants: Juan Carlos Hidalgo-Ciudad).
- **Embodiment**: We will examine the ways in which bodies become sites of meaning, experience, and resistance. Contemporary theories of corporeality and their relevance for understanding trans experiences will be discussed. (Participants: Beatriz Domínguez-García)
- **Queer use**: We will analyse this concept developed by Sara Ahmed, exploring how objects, spaces, and institutions can be "used" in ways that challenge their original normative purposes, creating new possibilities for existence and resistance. (Participants: Auxiliadora Pérez-Vides)
- **Trance**: We will investigate this altered state of consciousness as both metaphor and literal experience, exploring its connections with trans experiences, ritual practices, and alternative forms of knowledge and perception. (Participants: Rocío Cobo-Piñero).



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- **Stopover:** We will see how this concept challenges the widespread association of bodies with homes in trans* studies and presents a new way of rethinking embodiment that is considered as a series of stopovers wherein the body is inhabited as an archive but not as a permanent dwelling. (Participants: Vladyslav Shapoval).

18:00 - 18:30 | Break

**18:30 - 19:30 | Session II: Key Terms and Discussion II
(Chair: María Isabel Romero-Ruiz)**

The second thematic session will continue exploring essential concepts that complement and expand those discussed earlier:

- **Vulnerability:** We will examine vulnerability not only as a condition of precariousness but also as a potential source of connection, empathy, and political transformation. Theories by Judith Butler and other thinkers on vulnerability as a basis for ethics and politics will be discussed. (Participants: Paula García-Rodríguez).
- **Resistance:** We will analyse various forms of individual and collective resistance against normative systems, exploring creative, political, and everyday strategies of contestation and survival. (Participants: Pedro Mora-Ramírez).
- **Waste:** We will explore the connections between marginalized bodies and subjectivities and the concepts of waste, residue, and disposal in contemporary societies, analysing the possibilities for reclamation and resignification. (Participants: J. Javier Torres-Fernández).



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- **Stigma:** We will examine the processes of stigmatisation that affect trans and queer people and other marginalised groups, as well as strategies to challenge, subvert, and transform these stigmas into sources of pride and affirmation. (Participants: Elena Jaime de Pablos)
- **Neo-Victorianism:** We will examine the ways in which (trans) histories are revised through history and culture, both to foreground the marginalised and forgotten “trans” subjects of the past and to address contemporary concerns. (Participants: Isaac Linton Clewes).

19:30 - 20:00 | Conclusions and Final Remarks

(Participants: María Isabel Romero-Ruiz and Rocío Carrasco-Carrasco)

Additional Information

This program is subject to possible modifications. All participants are advised to review the most updated version before the event. For any inquiries related to logistics, registration, or academic content, please contact the TRANSFORMATIONS PROJECT PIs (María Isabel Romero-Ruiz and Rocío Carrasco-Carrasco)

Participation in this seminar requires prior registration. Please, use the QR code in the poster to register **no later than 28 September 2025**.

We appreciate your interest in our project and look forward to your valuable participation in this enriching academic gathering.



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