Transfeminist Visions on Transformative Justice in the Italian neoliberal context. The case of Turin

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My research project explores the intersection between transformative justice and feminist and queer politics in the Italian urban context, focusing on how securitization processes take shape at the local level. The core hypothesis is that, alongside institutional repression, punitive and carceral logics are sometimes reproduced *within* feminist, transfeminist, queer, and LGBT+ movements themselves—through practices such as call outs, cancellations, exclusion—which risk shifting the focus away from structural violence. The central research question is: What transformative justice visions and practices are already in place in Italian urban settings, and what new ones can be built to resist increasingly repressive and punitive institutional policies without falling into carceral paradigms and protecting marginalized subjects?

Drawing on a qualitative and participatory methodology, the project aims to:

- examine the tensions between transformative approaches and the influence of liberal/carceral/state feminism within feminist, transfeminist, queer and LGBT+ urban communities;
- investigate the role of emotions in shaping political subjectivities and conflicts but also as a legitimate means of resistance;
- document and amplify collective knowledge, tools, and imaginaries developed by marginalized subjects engaging in everyday forms of care, resistance, and conflict transformation in urban contexts.

Ultimately, the research asks how we might imagine abolitionist cities and political relations, grounded in accountability and structural transformation rather than control and punishment.'