



Gastvortrag

Vulnerable Bodies

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Harming the Body: Interrogating the Concept of 'Harmful Cultural Practices' *by Chia Longman*

Harmful cultural practices are often referred to in policy and feminist activist circles as forms of 'bodily violence or harm', such as female genital cutting/mutilation, honour related violence, forced marriages, etc. From an anthropological and postcolonial feminist perspective I question whether the notion of harmful cultural practices is a viable category for comparative analysis across cultural contexts.

Immunological Practices of Toxicity in Chronic Environmental Intolerance *by Sofia Varino*

Environmental Intolerance is a chronic immune condition in which the body responds to toxic chemicals in the environment with a variety of mild to severely debilitating symptoms. I examine the concept of toxicity as an immunological practice in a variety of Environmental Intolerance narratives to propose a participatory model of immunity where organic and inorganic matter interact in lively and unpredictable ways.

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