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SITUATING “WICKED” WOMEN

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Propositions relating to the dissertation

1. Anti-queer mobilisation cannot be understood simply as the expression of homophobia (the fear or hatred of homosexuality).
2. Dependency on others, paradoxically, brings freedom.
3. Visibility renders vulnerable.
4. Human rights activism needs to move away from a language of individuated rights, and instead approach questions of sexuality and reproduction as socially mediated practices that complicate notions of liberal subjecthood.

Propositions relating to the broader academic discipline

5. LGBTQI+ discourse describes, but also fabricates and erases, identities.
6. Ethnographic research is crucial to undo nationalist and populist rhetoric that appropriates identity politics as a way of pitting groups against one another.
7. Guidelines for fieldwork that are currently in place at many Dutch universities, reinforce gender as well as other social inequalities in academia.
8. The current system of anonymous peer reviews contributes to the perpetuation of a gendered division of labour in academia.

Other propositions

9. Student wellbeing weeks at universities do more harm than good.
10. The announced budget cuts in Dutch higher education, particularly in the Humanities and Social Sciences, show that critical thinking is perceived as a major threat to the political status quo.
11. The Dutch government's plans to send rejected asylum seekers to Uganda, a country that signed an extremely harsh anti-LGBTQI+ law in 2023, shows that human suffering is a major business model in this world.
12. The game of Ultimate Frisbee can teach us a lot about how to solve conflicts and establish conviviality.