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Workshop zum Thema „Queerness in Austria and its Discursive Constructions and Representations“

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People’s sexual orientations – just like their gendered and other identities – are socially co-constructed, represented and attributed in discourse. While there is individual agency in these acts of construction, representation and attribution, there are also specific socio-cultural boundaries that define and delimit these acts. This workshop, located in the theoretical field of “queer linguistic approaches to discourse” (Motschenbacher & Stegu 2013) brings together qualitative and quantitative approaches to analyzing discourses on queerness in the local context of “Austria”. Topics to be dealt with are coming-out stories and break-up stories as windows to queer identity constructions, sounding gay in Austria, representation of queerness in Austrian literature, a corpus approach on queerness across Austrian media and other related themes.

Workshop organization
20 minutes talk + 10 minutes discussion time
6 slots