

# Syllabus

## for research course

Queer theory

7.5 ECTS credits

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Course code: GV1QUER

Valid from: Spring 2023

Department of Ethnology, History of Religions and Gender Studies (ERG)

### **Prerequisites and special admittance requirements**

In order to qualify for this course, the student must be enrolled as a PhD student at Stockholm university, or the equivalent at another university. The course is open to all PhD students at all faculties.

### **Learning outcomes**

After accomplishing the course, the student has demonstrated a capacity to:

- account for and critically discuss the genealogy and central lines of thoughts in queer theory
- account for, explain and critically examine central concepts in queer theory
- critically address and analyze the significance of geographical context in relation to queer knowledge production
- apply the presented concepts and theories to a selected research problem, preferably related to their own PhD project
- communicate the above-mentioned capacities in a written as well as oral form

### **Content**

The course gives an advanced introduction to queer theory, focusing both on historical foundations and contemporary articulations. Starting with an overview of the emergence of queer as a theoretical field of thought, the course addresses the development of queer theory in relation to connected fields such as feminist theory, intersectionality, crip theory and postcolonial/decolonial theory. It also discusses and problematizes the significance of geographical context in relation to queer knowledge production: to what extent is Anglo-American theorizing applicable to Swedish circumstances, and how do non-western experiences challenge the queer theoretical canon? Apart from a historical overview, four central perspectives of current interest are examined, each one presented and discussed by experts in the field: trans, temporalities, performance and global politics. The students are encouraged to deepen and explore their own research interests during the course.

**Mandatory exams**

The course comprises the following six mandatory elements: an introductory lecture, four lectures/seminars focusing on different themes in queer theory and a concluding mini-conference. Absences can to a limited degree be compensated with a written assignment.

**Forms of examination**

The course is examined through active participation in the seminars, writing of a paper, followed by an oral presentation.

**Form of instruction**

Instruction is given in Swedish (or in English if required).