Invitation

Ambiguous (Im)mobilities: Activism, Religion and Everyday Life among Queer Indonesians

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Recent decades have witnessed unprecedented levels of visibility of LGBTQ individuals and groups in Indonesia. Since the colonial era, conceptualizations of gender and sexual diversity have shifted drastically, mediated through regional dynamics as well as the globalization of particular forms of queer discourse through transnational organisations. These developments have gone hand in hand with increased opposition towards queer Indonesians on a societal, legal and religious level. This talk starts from the level of everyday experience to explore the way queer mobilities are shaped by and are contingent on class, gender and religion. The PhD that forms the basis for this talk seeks to question supposedly “global” conceptualizations of queerness that prioritize visibility, mobility, and subversion through an analysis of daily life, activism, and religion, as well as through a discussion of Bali as a nexus of transnational queer imaginaries. It highlights the ambiguity inherent in queer (im)mobilities and the dynamics of class, gender, and religion that shape queerness in contemporary Indonesia.

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