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**Abstract for**

**“Konference Genderové perspektivy v humanitních a sociálních vědách (2. ročník)”**

### **The Desire of Genderqueer Paradigm.**

There is no doubt that gender and sexual difference is the cardinal question that occupies the mind of the contemporary subject. During the last 30 years the research in this field is mediated by genderqueer theory which managed to pave its path from the marginal and loosely coordinated activist programs to the frontline of institutionalized research both in terms of its popularity among the students and in terms of its often invisible but undoubtedly decisive influence on the academia.

However, having shifted towards the area of sociopolitical struggle liberal feminism, queer theory and other gender-oriented movements sidelined a theoretical research aimed at studying sexuality as such in favor of social struggle for recognition and distributive justice. There is a need to compensate for this lacuna by indicating what precisely drives the sexually conditioned desire and in what way this very desire intervenes in the process of theorization leading to various contradictions. The position from which gender theory speaks is already marked by the effect of the desire which is the object of its research, therefore, psychoanalytic optics offered as a methodological solution can be an appropriate instrument for relocating the effects of the desire in question.

In my presentation I turn to the controversial debate concerning transgenderism in order to demonstrate how exactly the very idea of transition fails to subvert the initial disposition of the subject's sexuated position. Instead, it can explain the desire of genderqueer theory as such. I would rely on the recent elaborations of Lacanian theory of sexuation accompanied by Alain Badiou's contribution about love as the original generic procedure.