**LGBTQ+ Resistance and Resilience in Times of Oppression**

*1. Activism, coalitions, and movements in contemporary and historical perspectives*

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Proposal: Draft Panel Proposal for G25 Mid-Sweden University in Östersund 21–23 October 2025 LGBTQ+ Resistance and Resilience in Times of Oppression Queer subjects have always sought ways to live and exist in opposition to the ruling norms of gender and sexuality. This panel will explore queer resistance and identity building in different times and in different cultural and sociopolitical contexts. Across the planet and throughout history, queerphobic oppression has taken different forms, but whether it is formulated in religious, medical, or moral-political terms, it aims to annihilate gender expressions and sexual activities outside the ruling norm. LGBTQ+ people, however, have resisted the regulatory mechanisms of power in all times and found ways to build livable lives and formulate transformative strategies vis-à-vis the agents of power (Foucault 1974; Butler & Worms 2023). However, these strategies are multifaceted and highly dependent on cultural and historical contexts. In recent years, researchers have also highlighted the risk that established gay and lesbian movements contribute to the dynamics of new exclusionary politics (Puar 2007; Harithaworn 2015). The panel will present ongoing research on identity-building and political resistance among LGBTQ+ people across the globe and critically evaluate the dynamics of queer activism. Themes that will be covered are digital activism and resistance in Turkey; language and masculinity in Manipur, India; Scandinavian homonationalism; as well as gender expressions of cross-dressing sex sellers in Sweden in the early nineteenth century. References Butler, Judith & Worms, Frédéric (2023). The livable and the unlivable: A conversation initiated by Arto Charpentier and Laure Barillas. New York: Fordham University Press. Foucault, Michel (1978). Histoire de la sexualité. 1, La volonté de savoir. Paris: Gallimard. Haritaworn, Jin (2015). Queer lovers and hateful others: Regenerating violent times and places. London: Pluto Press.

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