



TOWARDS A POSTSECULAR TRANS STUDIES

ONLINE LECTURE

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There is a strange paradox at the center of contemporary transphobia, which regularly justifies its political project by invoking two apparently incompatible claims: first, that transition constitutes a unique threat to religion; and secondly, the assertion that “trans activism” or “gender ideology” is itself a kind of religion. This talk asks what this double-bind means for scholarship in the field of trans studies, which has historically committed itself to secularism. Offering an overview of the state of the field and the new directions of its most significant work, Gordon proposes that trans studies should embrace a postsecular turn.



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