

Today Talks

at the Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul



Gendered VS Queered Design: New Possibilities in Material Culture

Do our clothing determine our social and gender roles? What effect does material appearance have on individual perception in society? During this week's Today Talks, we would like to welcome you to the Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul for a casual discussion about the issue of design and material culture in relation to gender and queer theories.

Clothes, accessories and garments are visual and material codes that are directly associated with our identity, gender, sexual orientation; namely with "who we are". In public space, even before our names, we are represented and performed through these objects we carry on our bodies that reproduce -and is reproduced by- hetero-normativity. By exemplifying "designed" materials we use in our everyday life within their historical and cultural context, and embracing the fact that the term "queer" is still contentious; we would like to discuss the possible ways of queering or non-gendering material culture.

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Time: 18:30 (doors open)

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