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"Understanding the Hijra Identity through Bollywood Cinema"

Hijras are a community within the Indian context that is well known for a number of reasons and rituals. The hijra community is heterogeneous and has been known in the historical context for millennia. They have been attacked, have been the focus of fun, form a key part of rituals in Hindu society while celebrating marriages and child birth and have been portrayed in films and literature. Hindi films reach a significant audience not only in India but also among the Indian diaspora. The portrayal of hijras in Hindi films has carried both negative and positive portrayals. These have included hijras as comic figures as well as caring maternal figures. In this talk, I discuss the heterogeneity of such portrayal and use various scenes from Hindi films to understand the hijra identity. Social and cultural contexts and understanding of the context is important in understanding sexualities.

Alle Interessierten sind zu diesen Vorträgen herzlich eingeladen.