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The methodological potential of queer ecologies in research on non-heteronormative female communities

In the framework of my presentation I will focus on the possibilities provided by the newly emerging interdisciplinary field of queer ecology in the context of research on non-heteronormative female communities in Poland.

I will therefore taking into consideration such areas as ecofeminism, human and non-human geographies, posthumanism and feminist materialism, to investigate their critical and creative tools which could be potentially useful and supportive in the process of collecting and interpreting information on the Polish queer communities. Regarding the interconnectedness between the embodied politics of sexuality, desire and the categories of „environment”, „place” and „nature”, I will try to explore the Anthropocene as a colonial discourse, especially due to the scholarly research on troubled, heteronormatively colonized and extremely homophobic Polish public sphere.

An important objective of my speech would be consequently investigating the correlation between empowering queer woman practices of resistance in the Polish public space and feminist concern regarding invisibility of non-heteronormative female communities in public narratives. I will therefore try to put forward the question: what does it mean from the perspective of queer ecologies? What potential does the aforementioned methodology open up?