

## Public Lecture

# Homosexual, transgender, third gender, or...?

Dilemmas and insights from the Global South



with

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**Venue: Betty Pettersson-salen, 14:031,**  
**Blåsenhus, von Kraemers allé 1**

In this lecture Professor Stark uses queer anthropology and a decolonialist approach to query Anglo-American concepts of gender and sexuality by examining *geis* in the Tanzanian city of Dar es Salaam. Despite the name, *geis* are not homosexuals in the Western sense of the word. *Geis* have in common that they were designated at birth as male and allow themselves to be penetrated by partners in anal sex. Some self-identify as transgender 'women', some as 'in-between men and women' (*katikati*), and some as men. She argues that Western concepts of gender and sexuality have been uncritically applied in the past to map and control the colonial and post-colonial populations. This misreading of intimate identities has prevented insights that could inform and transform gender and sexualities theory itself.

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