

IPW LECTURES

Trans*humiliation, Gender and Whiteness

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Abstract

Frauke Petry, Beatrix von Storch and Alice Weidel manage the queerness of their identities as female conservative politicians in Germany by engaging in a form of performative politics I call trans*humiliation. Trans*humiliation mixes gleeful attempts to humiliate with a rhetorical pedanticism that aims to make sense of the revulsion and confusion produced by visibly queer bodies. This tactic is subordinate to broader strategies of anti-genderism and works against perceiving gender and sexuality as a spectrum. Trans*humiliation is a culturally specific form of transphobia with similarities to the anti-queer politics of the evangelical right-wing in the US.

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