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## QUEERING REPRODUCTION

This talk argues that all reproduction is queer and/or trans, and that queering social reproduction means tracing that material reality. We need to acknowledge the deep queerness and transness and weirdness of the embodiments and practices that emerge within both biological reproduction and reproductive labor, which heteronormative state and capital formations both obscure and violently discipline. Queering or transing reproductive labor therefore means unshackling reproductive capacities from their conceptual anchoring to heterosexuality, non-transness, and whiteness. Under these terms we can think about gender and gender identity not as self-evident categories but as objects or forms that are produced through reproductive labor.

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