6.1 - Who Am I? Deconstructing Heterosexuality, Cisgenderism and the Gender Binary

Objective:

As preparation for intersex history, we will start unpacking our attachments to gender identity, heterosexuality and cisgenderism. This section will cover:

1. Exploring our attachments to the gender binary, heterosexuality and “cisness” through reflection, journaling and small group work.
2. Sharing how we are “shaped” by gender, race and interactions with the medical establishment.

Core Readings:

*Lena Eckert, Intersexualization: The Clinic and the Colony (intro chapter)

*Maria Lugones, Coloniality of Gender

*Celeste Orr, Cripping Intersex (intro)

*Adrienne Rich, Compulsory Heterosexuality and Lesbian Existence

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