

8. Modern Feminism and Gender Studies

TBALC 2



Problems

Poststructuralism in the realm "woman"

= Women and language

Women and discourse - the body as a signifying system

Judith Butler on



Gender Trouble. (1990)

Task: genealogy of female "identity"

1. Identity of woman:

Female body? No

Body – as problem:

- Sex/gender distinction suggests it is given
- Not given
- "natural body" - concept

2. Culturally constructed body

- dualisms work: in /out, mind/body, culture/nature
 - How has the concept of the natural body come into being?
 - genealogy as tool
 - body: cultural values are inscribed to it
- ?: What values

The Body as a sign – a social space

The body as a social space, a **signifying practice**

is established through markings that seek to establish cultural coherence.

The Body as a Semiotic space, 1



Body consistency score, 2



, 3



Ideas connected to the body: inside vs. outside

PROBLEMS with division between in/out:

Pollution

Permeability

Abjection

vs. outside has taken hold for the construction of identity?

Answer: an idealized compulsory heterosexuality regulates this.

The gendered body is a stylized repetition of acts

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4. Corporeal styles

How can it be studied?

Gendered body

Drag

Corporeal styles



Princess Mia

- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nUjlBP5gUrQ&list=TLm5SeecLtBYvFamN3eQqXl7MGDevj_nBF

Princess Diaries 1 – transformation scene

How is the gendered body performed in this situation?

Butler on Gender as a role (3:00'')

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fndkPPJBi1U>

Terms

body (B) as a semiotic space, geneology, compulsive heterosexuality, drag, gender as stylized repetition of acts, corporeal styles

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culture	nature
Soul	body
outside	Inside
male	female
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Ex. 2. explain the processes

Abjection

Identity differentiation

Corporeal stylization of gender

way of thinking about identity the
term "the gendered body"
implies.

Ex. 4. Think of what new categories of gender come into being by stylized performances.

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Ex. 5. Princess Mia's gender performance

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