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### Between queer aesthetics and queer justice

#### Conversation with dr Antke Engel

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The many conversations we engage in together with Antke Antek Engel, always are inspired. They think totally out of the box, it is like as if feminist, queer, poststructural and critical theories were reshuffled anew, every single time. Their concepts of queerversity and the queerverse begun as a critical take on the much flattened notion of diversity, in many ways appropriated by neoliberal academia and culture to offer a superficial vision of embodied difference.

They discuss it in the intersection of queer aesthetics and justice, making our discussion return to the politico-aesthetic intertwining, crucial for the birth of the early 20th century avant-garde, as problematic, as this legacy is today. In their feminist-queer-deconstructive efforts, Antke offer novel ways of naming and discussing central elements of culture, greatly contributing not just to our conversations on avant-garde, but on political epistemology for tomorrow more broadly.

**Guests:** Antke Antek Engel

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#### About:

##### Antke Antek Engel

Antke Antek Engel (they/them) is an independent scholar, cultural producer, and consultant in the fields of queer, feminist and poststructuralist theory, political philosophy, visual cultural studies and queer art. They received their Ph.D. in Philosophy at Potsdam University in 2001 with a thesis on queer politics of representation and the strategy of undisambiguation, published under the title *Wider die Eindeutigkeit* (2002). In 2006 Engel founded the *Institute for Queer Theory* and since then functions as its director. Engel held/holds visiting professorships at Hamburg University (2003/2005), Vienna University (2011), Alice Salomon Hochschule Berlin (2016), TU Darmstadt (2018/19), FernUniversity Hagen (2019-22), Alpen-Adria University Klagenfurt (2023). Currently, they are working on a new book *Queerversity as a Principle of Planetary Pluralism*. More Info: <http://www.queer-institut.de/en/who-where/director-team/>

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