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Disability and Queer Sexuality in Russia: Exploring Queer Kinship Ties

PUBLIC EXPRESSION of LGBTIQ themes in Russia is dangerous and often persecuted through official channels. Simultaneously, many adults with disabilities find themselves in semi-public settings (institutions, crowded family apartments etc.) that make experiences of disabled sexuality – regardless of orientation – especially suppressed. This empirical study observes that there is a certain gap in our knowledge about simultaneous experience of disability and stigmatised sexuality: how these two shape the life experiences, social realities, and self-perception of Russians with intersection of queer/disabled identities?



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