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Questioning 'THE DESIGNER VAGINA': A Critical Analysis of Female Genital Cosmetic Surgery Discourse and Practice

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Female genital cosmetic surgery (FGCS) procedures are increasing in popularity. Yet, as psychologist Virginia Braun explains, they are deeply problematic. In this talk, Braun provides a critical feminist analysis around FGCS, highlighting key areas of concern. Specifically, while the rhetoric of choice and sexual pleasure functions to legitimate and promote FGCS, FGCS simultaneously reaffirms normative heterosexuality, promotes a generic model of bodies and sex, and pathologizes female genital diversity.



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