

# Amsterdam German Studies Lecture: Phillip Ayoub

The Politics of Visibility and the Diffusion of Sexual Minority Rights in Europe

**Activiteit van Duitsland Instituut Amsterdam**

**Datum:** donderdag 12 december 2019 om 20:00 uur tot 21:30 uur

**Locatie:** Doelenzaal, UvA-bibliotheek, Singel 425, Amsterdam

**Informatie:** Official language: English. Registration via [www.spui25.nl](http://www.spui25.nl)

**Toegang:** Free entrance

Germany was home to the first gay rights movement in the late 1800s and was well-known as a bastion of sexual liberalism during the Weimar Republic. But since World War II, it has been slower than many other European countries to recognize LGBT-rights. In the last two decades, the LGBT movement has gained momentum that is arguably unprecedented in speed and suddenness when compared to other human rights movements. But its impact is not consistent across Europe. How can the differences in LGBT-rights and recognition be explained?

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In his lecture, Dr. Phillip Ayoub investigates the recent history of this transnational movement in Europe, as well as backlashes to it. Focusing on the diffusion of the norms the movement champions, he examines the overarching question of why the trajectories of socio-legal recognition for LGBT minorities are so different across states. He uses the German case to show how activists mobilize horizontally and vertically to leverage change in the European polity.

Registration via [SPUI25](http://SPUI25). For more information, please contact [Anne Louise Schotel](#) (AISSR and DIA) or [Krijn Thijs](#) (DIA). On Friday, Phillip Ayoub will give an impulse statement in the early career workshop [Studying Sexuality, Politics and Activism](#).

About the speaker:

Phillip M. Ayoub is Associate Professor of Diplomacy and World Affairs at Occidental College in Los Angeles. He is the author of 'When States Come Out: Europe's Sexual Minorities and the Politics of Visibility' (Cambridge University Press, 2016) and his articles have appeared in Comparative Political Studies, the European Journal of International Relations, Political Research Quarterly, Mobilization, the European Political Science Review, the Journal of Human Rights, Social Politics and Social Movement Studies, among others. Further information can be found under: [www.phillipmayoub.com](http://www.phillipmayoub.com)

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