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Queering States/Nations:
Intended, Unintended and Perplexing Effects

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States/nations are historical projects that constitute heteropatriarchal families/households as foundational units and police sexual activities to ensure reproduction of ‘imagined communities.’ Yet feminist politics and globalizing dynamics disturb these arrangements. As one response, Peterson argues that queer theory is an imperative starting point and uniquely productive lens for analyzing past and present asymmetries of power.

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