

DISPLACED AND FIXED AFFECTS: RE-THINKING THE MEANINGS OF SEXUALIZED CYBERBULLYING AMONG TEENAGERS

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Re-conceptualizing cyber fights

- ▣ How is affect traversing across differentiated spaces

Bullying

- ▣ concern processes where certain positions are annulled and deprived of intelligibility.
- ▣ Some lives become (temporarily) unlivable (drawing on Butler)

Social networking sites

- ▣ Bebo in the UK
- ▣ Arto in a Danish context

Saad's evaluation at Arto

- ▣ “Fuck u, and your bitch ass crew. U bitch, you can put your opinion up your hairy ass. The day we became friends was the worst day of my life now that I realize how fucked up people can be. It was fucking nice to get you out of my life you have been a waste of time. Someone like you shouldn't be anyone's friend. You are so ugly, you think that you are perfect and beautiful. Khaba! No way!! You are uglier than ugly”!!!!Die slow!!!”

Desire for breast, desire for desire

- ▣ Saad admits to looking at Cecilia's breast
- ▣ Cecilia accepts
- ▣ Rania becomes aware of Saad's desire
- ▣ Several girls become involved in the confession
- ▣ Rania (in Cecilia's name) asks Saad if he looks at her breasts as well

Louise

- Louise: An MSN argument... It would just travel down the line and then it will get to my friend and it would be like 'Oh yeah, I know her' and then it would just like be like me ... I would be stuck in the middle...We've literally been in a fight before because things have been ... said that's like, one of my mates told me on MSN that she called me a fat slag and everything like that so then Iwaited for her outside before school one day and I said 'Why are you saying this for?' and ...
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- Marie: She punched me in my back.
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- Louise: I punched her in the back, she razzed in my face, she tried walking away, I grabbed her, punched her again, everything right, because all these things that people say to ... wind people upshe sits there and cries their eyes out, right and I beg to differ that I will never, ever do it again and I promise ...
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- Marie: *Because you love me!*
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- Louise: I love you! But the things that people say they don't realise what, how much trouble it can actually cause.
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Affective negotiations

- ▣ Rumour flows through friends vis-a-vis SNSs
- ▣ Gossip is travelling
- ▣ Meanings getting twisted

Beyond positional grids and singular positions

- ▣ Travelling affects
- ▣ In becoming with variable effects
- ▣ It becomes 'arrested' in points of fixation
- ▣ Intersect with gender, racialised ethnicity, and sexualisation

Suggesting that

- ▣ Bullying is when affects both travel and stick in ways that make lives unlivable (at least temporarily).

Assistance from Butler

- ▣ “Some lives are grievable, others are not. The differential allocation of grievability that decides what kind of subject is and must be grieved and which kind of subject must not, operates to produce and maintain certain exclusionary conceptions of who is normatively human: what counts as a livable life and a grievable death?” (Butler 2004)

Heightened intensity

- ▣ Who is to blame?
- ▣ Namecalling: fat slag, whore, bitch, khaba.
- ▣ The sexualized content of the affective flows

Travelling affects

- ▣ How are affects travelling across temporalities, between bodies, through in/significant evaluations, body parts and technologies?