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Title: The International Campaign for Trans Depathologization impact's on diagnosis and care practices changes.

Abstract:

In this paper, I follow the practices of a transgender activist organization in relation to some health issues for the global transgender community. Concretely, my goal is to analyse the contribution of the first so called "Spanish/International Network for Trans Depathologization" and now The International Campaign for Trans Depathologization within the debates around next edition of DSM-5 (the diagnosis manual) and in the last version of SoC-7 (the standard of care for transgender people).

In the current debates on the medical status of transsexualism the network is working very actively for the removal of the categories associated to transgender/transsexuality in the international diagnosis manuals . However, while the Campaign is denying the consideration of transsexuality as a mental or organic disease, they do not reject medical attention on trans health issues. They are claiming for a reorganization of the care practices based on a new relationship between physicians and users, a new "logic of care". To do that, the International Campaign occupy a new position breaking up the clasical distintion between "experts" and "lay" people.

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