DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL? INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION and the LGBTQI EXPERIENCE

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION is an opportunity to explore OTHERNESS...

but there are issues that can arise...

THE LGBTQI COMMUNITY are DIVERSE, with diverse experiences...

as our world becomes more connected

CRIMINALISATION

penalties range from fines to the death penalty

PROTECTION

laws are in place in many countries, but even these are not always safe...

IT'S A COLLECTIVE EXPERIENCE. TOLERANCE OR COMPLEXITY & MESS

misogyny

needs to be part of the conversation

There are both more risks & more opportunities

relationship power balance...

community reaction at home

safety
There is no "one size fits all" response for students!

**Being LGBTQ+ affects your experience of life**

**Cecilia Trang**
Moved from China to Australia to escape prejudice.

**Budi**
Arrived in Melbourne from Jakarta already comfortable with who I am.

**Survey**
46 people
Age: Mostly 22-25
Nationality: Broad range (except India)
Where: Reflect student bodies
Sexual orientation: Where it gets wonderfully messy

**Gender identity**
Up 30 options! It's complicated and individual.

**Marriage equality**
mentioned a lot in the survey.

**Institutions**
Are we doing enough? These are people's lives.

**What assumptions are we making?**
What are we missing?

**We need more research to talk about it more...**
... and recognise intersectionality. No issues are in isolation...

**Navigation**
Multiple worlds
Constant/Incest

**Reconciling**
4 - My family.
3 Thoughts on TRANS

Transexuality - More education & conversation
Transectionality - Individual complexities
Trans-Institutional - What can we do together?

Visible

Include LGBTQ+ info in welcome packs
Spell it out
Build awareness
Educate, empower, challenge

Tailor made
Support systems
Creating safe spaces...
... we can forget how it feels. Real help. Not a pamphlet.

What we can do?

How can we work together more closely?

Allie networks
What can I do to be a better ally?

Visibility is a big issue

Violence
Ensure students know they can call the police, and have messaging from police.

There is nothing binary or simple about this