From Personal Ads to Body Politics: On the Narratives of Sexuality
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How do we tell and perform the stories of our sexuality? And what do those stories tell about who we are as individuals or as members of society? In this seminar, we will analyze literary and theoretical works as well as pop culture items and films to understand how sexuality is narrated. How does the form and context of sexual narratives create the notion of the "subject"? Moreover, how are stories of sexuality used to articulate and shape sexual politics? We will pay close attention to psychoanalytic theory, to discussions of how we "perform" our genders in society, and to theories of the body. Readings include short works by Freud, James Baldwin, Felisberto Hernández, Angela Carter, and others. Films include Ozpetek's Facing Windows, Barbato and Bailey's Inside Deep Throat, and music videos by 50-Cent, Lil' Kim and Eminem.