

## Skellie en Pom lezen Judith Butler

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Ook onze internationaal gerenommeerde genderexperts Skellie en Pom hebben soms nog iets bij te leren. Een streepje Butler kan misschien verlichting brengen. Veel leesplezier 😊

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## read Judith Butler

"If the Symbolic is understood as a

signification that is where fully ins  
to ask what it signifies, ho  
crossed, and in pl  
pre-supposed, can  
epistemic, and  
dis-signify, can  
signify, can be  
the pos- nized  
coherence is called into question by the self-

the process of ide For I  
—that is, begins to po f-gr  
only on the condition of a primary  
incestuous pleasures  
The masculine subject only appears to  
signify. His seemingly self-grounded  
repression which is both its ground  
owns ungrounded. But the process o  
women reflect the masculine power a  
of the reality of its illusory autonomy.

least, when the demand that women reflect the autonomous power of  
masculine subject/signifier becomes essential to the construction of that  
autonomy and, thus, becomes the basis of the dependency that  
effectively undermines the freedom it seems to promise. In the end, the  
promise of the recovery of predivision and the promise of the full  
recognition of autonomy will also and necessarily lead to the full  
return to those full pleasures of repression.

"Women are said to "be" the Phallus in the sense that they maintain the power to reflect or represent the "reality" of the self-grounding postures of the masculine subject, a power which, if withdrawn, would break up the foundational illusions of the masculine subject position. In order to "be" the Phallus, the reflector and guarantor of an apparent masculine subject position, women must become, must "be" (in the sense of "posture as if they were") precisely what men are not and, in their very lack, establish the essential function of men."

"Only when the mechanism of gender construction implies the contingency of that construction does "constructedness" per se prove useful to the political project to enlarge the scope of possible gender configurations. If, however, it is a life of the body beyond the law or a recovery of the body before the law which then emerges as the normative goal" of feminist theory, such a norm effectively takes the focus of feminist theory away from the concrete terms of contemporary cultural struggle. Indeed,

Now  
we will finally  
understand what queer  
theory is all about!

Let's start  
reading!  
Can't wait!

Skellie?

Yes Pom?

I'm scared!

AAAGH!

Run away!

Skellie and Pom will return!

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