

BEYOND GENDER:  
THE IDENTITY  
OF FASHION.

# KEY WORDS.

Identity is a very broad spectrum of study and the lexicon is growing constantly. During this conversation, there will be a number of times that the following words will emerge.

## Pronouns

A word that can function as a noun phrase used by itself and that refers either to the participants in the discourse. People with various gender identities choose pronouns they feel comfortable with, some people may have more than one pronoun.

## Sexuality

Refers to a person's sexual orientation/preferences in terms of sexual activities.

## Sexual Orientations

A person's sexual identity in relation to the gender to which they are attracted.

## Sex

Denotation human females and males depending on biological features (chromosomes, sex organs, hormones and other physical features)

## Gender

Gender is a an expression of the reenactment of certain roles it may differ from time to time.

## Queer

An umbrella term for sexual and gender minorities that are not heterosexual or cisgender

## Trans Male

A transgender person who was assigned female at birth but whose gender identity is that of a man.

## Trans Female

A transgender person who was assigned male at birth but whose gender identity is that of a woman.

## Binary

The classification of sex and gender into two distinct, opposite and disconnected forms of masculine and feminine.

## Non-Binary

A form gender identity which reject the gender binary.

## Femininity

Repeated performances of the female gender; these performances reproduce and define the traditional categories.

## Masculinity

The combination of socially-defined and biological factors, distinct from the definition of the male biological sex.

## POC

People of colour

## QTPOC

Queer Trans People of Colour

## Black

A member of a dark-skinned people, especially one of African or Australian Aboriginal ancestry. A term used in certain countries, often in socially based systems of racial classification or of ethnicity.

## Desi

Person of Indian, Pakistani, or Bangladeshi birth or descent who lives abroad.

## East-Asian

In general terms, consists of China, Hong Kong, Macao, Taiwan, Japan, South Korea and North Korea; sometimes, Mongolia and Vietnam are included in the definition.

## Privilege

A special right, advantage, or immunity granted or available only to a particular person or group.

## Oppression

Prolonged cruel or unjust treatment or exercise of authority.

## Homophobia

Prejudice against the queer community

## Transphobia

Prejudice against the Trans community

## Racism

The belief that all members of each race possess characteristics, abilities, or qualities specific to that race, especially so as to distinguish it as inferior or superior to another race or races

## Prejudice

Hatred towards someone based on their identity. Example: An oppressed person of colour can be prejudice against privileged races but cannot be racist.

# HELPFUL ORGANISATIONS.

## UAL LGBTQ.

A student network which aims to bring together lesbians, gays, bisexuals, members of the trans community, queers, asexuals, intersexuals, curious people, all those without a label and everyone in between across UAL!

[www.suarts.org/groups/lgbtq-society](http://www.suarts.org/groups/lgbtq-society)

## The UAL Diversity Team.

A service that provides advice and guidance to LGBTQ+ students and staff.

[www.arts.ac.uk/about-ual/diversity/](http://www.arts.ac.uk/about-ual/diversity/)

## Supporting Trans Students at UAL.

The University's 'Supporting Trans Students' guide sets out how we support students through gender reassignment. Students can contact the Diversity Team for more information [diversity@arts.ac.uk](mailto:diversity@arts.ac.uk) or search 'supporting trans students' on the UAL intranet.

[myintranet.arts.ac.uk/staffandstudents/diversity/gender-identity/supporting-trans-students/](http://myintranet.arts.ac.uk/staffandstudents/diversity/gender-identity/supporting-trans-students/)

## The Albert Kennedy Trust.

A service that supports lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans homeless young people in crisis.

[www.akt.org.uk/](http://www.akt.org.uk/)

## Galop.

Galop is London's LGBT anti-violence & abuse charity. Providing advice and support to people who have experienced biphobia, homophobia, transphobia, sexual violence or domestic abuse.

[www.galop.org.uk/](http://www.galop.org.uk/)

## Gendered Intelligence.

An organisation that aims to raise awareness of the needs of young trans\* people

through training initiatives, creative workshops and the provision of advice and guidance to young people.

[www.genderedintelligence.co.uk](http://www.genderedintelligence.co.uk)

## **Gender Trust.**

An organisation that aims to help adults throughout the United Kingdom who are Transsexual, Gender Dysphoric, Transgender or those whose lives are affected by gender identity issues.

[www.gendertrust.org.uk](http://www.gendertrust.org.uk)

## **Gender Identity Research and Education Society.**

An organisation that provides information on research relating to gender variance and gender identity.

[www.gires.org.uk](http://www.gires.org.uk)

## **International lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans\* and intersex association.**

An international organisation which campaigns for equality in relation to gender identity and sexual orientation.

[www.ilga.org](http://www.ilga.org)

## **Imaan.**

A social support group for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Muslims, their families, friends and supporters, and those questioning their sexuality or gender identity.

[www.imaan.org.uk](http://www.imaan.org.uk)

## **Press for Change.**

A political lobbying and educational organisation that campaigns to achieve equal right for trans\* people in the UK through legislation and social change.

[www.pfc.org.uk](http://www.pfc.org.uk)

## **Stonewall.**

An organisation that is the UK's largest LGBTQ+ rights charity, providing information and support to individuals and organisations, and lobbying government on equality in relation to sexual orientation and gender identity.

[www.stonewall.org.uk/](http://www.stonewall.org.uk/)

## LGBT+ switchboard

An organisation that provides an information, support and referral service for lesbians, gay men and bisexual and trans\* people – and anyone considering issues around their sexuality and/or gender identity.

*switchboard.lgbt/*

## Companies/campaigns to support:

### Open Barbers

Queer friendly hairdressing for any length, welcoming all genders and sexualities

<http://openbarbers.tumblr.com/>

### Nails Transphobia

Nail Transphobia tackles transphobia through nail art; it is fabulous activism! Charlie Craggs travels around with her pop up nail salon and strangers can come and get their nails done for free.

<http://nailtransphobia.com/>

# FURTHER READING.

*All resources are available in the UAL Library system or online*

## E-Books

Arnold, R. (2011) *Fashion, Desire and Anxiety*. London: I.B. Tauris.

Available at: <http://site.ebrary.com/lib/arts/detail.action?docID=10445306#>

Barnard, M. (2014) *Fashion Theory : An Introduction*.

Available at: <http://UAL.ebib.com/patron/FullRecord.aspx?p=1659188>

Bradley, H. (2013) *Polity Key Concepts in the Social Sciences Series : Gender (2nd Edition)*. Somerset, NJ, USA: John Wiley & Sons.

Available at: <http://site.ebrary.com/lib/arts/detail.action?docID=10687835>

Gauntlet, D (2002) *Gender, Media, and Identity: An Introduction*. London:

Routledge. Available at: <http://lib.myliblibrary.com/Open.aspx?id=6901&src=0>

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Butler, J. (2002) *Gender trouble*. London: routledge.

Beauvoir, S. (1949) *Second Sex*. Paris

Craik, J. (1994) *The face of fashion: Cultural studies in fashion*. London: Routledge.

Griggs, C. (1998) *S/he: Changing sex and changing clothes*. Oxford: Berg Publishers.

Jackson S and Scott S. (ed.) (2002) *Gender A Sociological Reader*. London: Routledge.

Spakre, P. (1995) *As long as it's pink : the sexual politics of taste*. London: Pandora.



Suthrell, C.A. (2004) Unzipping gender: sex, cross-dressing and culture. Oxford: Berg Publishers.

Wolf, N. (1991) The Beauty Myth, How images of beauty are used against Women. London: Chatto & Windus Ltd.

## Video

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie (2013) TEDx Talks: We should all be feminists. TEDxEuston. Available at: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hg3umXU\\_qWc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hg3umXU_qWc).

Scott Turner Schofield (2013). TED Talk: Ending Gender by Scott Turner Schofield. Available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TWubtUnSfA0>.

TEDx Talks (2013). Understanding the Complexities of Gender: Sam Killermann at TEDxUoflChicago Available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NRcPXtqdKjE>.

TEDX Sabah Choudrey, Faith and Gender Transition, Available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w6hxrZW6l9I>

The Power Suit & the Fashion of Authority: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cEchfeS6W28>

## YouTubers

Broadly Available at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfQDD-pbIIOCXYwiXxjJxA>

Kat Blaque. Available at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/TransDIYer>

Laci Green. Available at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/lacigreen>

## Web

Feminist Perspectives on Sex and Gender

Available at: [http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/feminism-gender/#GenTerWhat is masculinity?](http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/feminism-gender/#GenTerWhat%20is%20masculinity?)