

# The Nimbleness of Neoliberalism in Queerness and EDI policy

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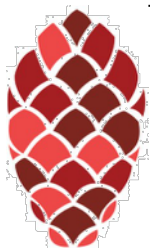
## Key findings:

- Analyzing the conditions that create and entrench a queer and non-queer binary
- Questioning if queer-inclusive policy disrupts this binary
- Wondering what purposes this binary continues to serve

## Abstract

I attempt to explore how queerness has been mobilized in this current historical context of neoliberal Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) policies. First, I will briefly overview the historical materialism of queerness under racial colonial capitalism. I will discuss what the lenses of surplus populations and social reproduction can and cannot help us see about queerness. Then, I will discuss how the mechanisms of neoliberalism both mobilize and repress queerness, as convenient. Finally, I will interrogate how (queer) EDI policy is implemented and negotiated in educational institutions, and situate it specifically within K-12 schools in Alberta.

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