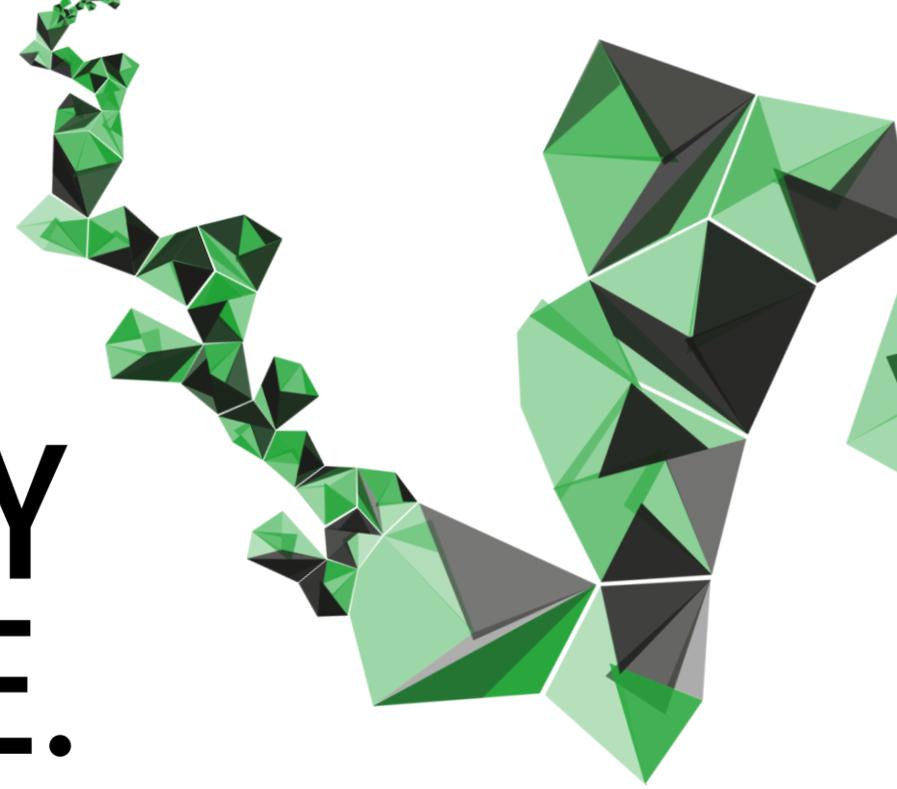


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## QUEER KILLJOYS WHEN DIVERSITY BECOMES A MASTER'S TOOL

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# SARA AHMED'S KILLJOY TRUTHS



- ***“If happiness requires turning away from violence, then happiness is violence”***
- ***“Just because they welcome you, it does not mean they expect you to turn up”***
- ***“Power works by making it hard to challenge how power works”***

# QUEER JOY AS A MASTER'S TOOL

***Audre Lorde:  
The Master's Tools Can't Dismantle the Master's House***

- *When diversity becomes a brand... we deflect questions about safety, access and justice*
- *When joy becomes policy... and we silence those who have reason to complain*
- ***My queer joy is my own***

# QUEER JOY IN 2023?



- *These are not joyful times: trans and queer individuals are subject to a violent global backlash*
- *These are not joyful times: trans and queer individuals still run up against many barriers in “enlightened” institutions*
- *True institutional solidarity requires more than a pride flag*