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Madita Oeming graduated from the University of Goettingen with an M.A. in American Studies. Already with her Master's Thesis "Moby's Dick," Madita entered the field of Porn Studies, within which she is now pursuing her Ph.D. project at the University of Paderborn: „Porn Addiction – America's Moral Panic of the Digital Age.“ Striving to reach a broader audience outside of academia,

Madita is also very active on twitter, writes for VICE Germany, and has done various interviews with mainstream media outlets.

MANIFESTO

“Great things don't come from comfort zones,” says the postcard hanging right in front of me when I'm sitting at my desk. It is a physical reminder to challenge myself – and my students – by having uncomfortable conversations. Conversations that force us to recognize our own positionality and complicity and to acknowledge our privilege. Conversations that call into question what we had considered simple truths by dismantling them as complex, and in many ways biased, cultural narratives. Conversations that require us to embrace ambivalence. Conversations that have been silenced by stigma. Porn opens up one of these conversations and pushes the boundaries of what can and cannot be discussed and looked at in an academic setting. Bringing porn into the classroom has taught me how much there is to learn from moments of discomfort.