



## **Speculative Queerness: How Science Fiction Ruined my Relationship with the Gender Binary**

Arrate Hidalgo's lecture from Tohu Magazine conference - Space is the Place: Afrofuturism, Arabfuturism and the Search for New Dimensions

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Before Judith Butler's gender performativity, before Donna Haraway's Cyborg Manifesto, way before all social media were bursting with genderqueer and trans awareness, speculative fiction sent Arrate Hidalgo on a one-way trip to the universe of the gender grayscale. We will explore literary and visual manifestations of sci-fi and fantasy, including 1990s anime classics, Second-Wave feminist utopias, afrofuturist music videos, and Pokemon-inspired memes, to discover how non-realistic fiction is expanding our notion of gender and possibly shaping what non-binary might look like in meatspace.

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