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Feminist Politics in Turbulent Times: Subversion and Structural Change through Dissident Friendships

That the academy is not a meritocracy is a reality that women, BIPOC students, staff, and professors, and other members of equity-deserving groups have known for a long time. From facing double-standards that put heightened expectations on members of under-represented communities to salary discrepancies to everyday forms of microaggression that signal that one does not belong; the academy is a fraught space. In this presentation, I will discuss the generative possibilities of structural transformation in the academy through the formation of affective networks and through the establishment of dissident friendships. These friendships, in fact, form a crucial part of feminist politics. To show the cathartic effects of dissident friendships, I discuss why and how I started my podcast, "Academic Aunties," which has, since its inception in March 2021, been downloaded 13,000 times globally, with each episode getting between 500 to 1000+ unique listeners. Through references to the lessons imparted by academic 'aunties' who've appeared on the podcast, I address why our goal to transform the academy should not only centre liberal modes of inclusion and why our goal should always be not to accept what is, but to think of what could be.



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