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Toward a Path Dependent Reading of Uganda’s Kill the Gays Bill: A closer look into global context and implications

Synopsis: The sodomy legislation in Uganda was put in place and initially policed by British colonial forces. The laws remained stagnant from the immediate post-independence period and throughout the 1980s; however, since 1990, the Uganda Penal Code has gone through a series of attempted and successful amendments that have aimed to either extend the punitive sentence or to expand the target population criminalized by sodomy. In 2009, anti-gay activist and MP David Bahati proposed the Anti-Homosexuality ("Kill the Gays") Bill to procure "comprehensive measures" against the homosexual agenda.

This talk briefly historicizes an anti-gay movement rooted in colonialism and exacerbated by neocolonialism, while highlighting the very current and contested debates of international LGBT rights, global communication and the looming question of what is left of sovereign rights.

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Biography: Sasha Rodriguez is a sexualities and social movements scholar and Turner Fellow. She received her BA in Sociology, with minors in Women's Studies and Spanish from the University of Florida and her MA from Stony Brook. She is a committed gay rights scholar and activist who continues to research and inform others of legislation affecting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer people around the world.