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“What Do Gay Men Want?
An Essay on Sex, Risk, and Subjectivity”

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David Halperin will present his latest book, WHAT DO GAY MEN WANT? AN ESSAY ON SEX, RISK, and SUBJECTIVITY, in which he argues against the psychologization of risk. The continued transmission of HIV among gay and bisexual men has led to a revival of homophobic clichés about gay men’s allegedly low self-esteem, lack of impulse control, and other psychological ‘deficits’. Are homosexuals still sick? Or are there queer alternatives to psychology for thinking about gay men’s inner lives? Halperin explores some possibilities.

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