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Dear Atlantis Editors:

Please find attached my article for consideration in Atlantis’ special issue “What is Intersectional about Intersectionality Now?” The article is titled **“Femme Theory: Refocusing the Intersectional Lens.”**

The paper is based on research conducted at Queen’s University.

The paper develops a theory of femininities anchored in the distinction between patriarchal femininity and Femme as a means of developing a place for femininity within intersectional theory. Femme Theory conceptualizes femme identities and femme-negativity (colloquially known as femmephobia) as terms applicable to diversely positioned bodies and experienced across lines of difference. In providing a re-conceptualization of femme, this paper seeks to dismantle dominant constructions of the feminine subject and develop a theory of subversive femininities or Femme Theory. The objective of this paper is to generate Feminist and Queer theories inclusive of feminine intersections by re-conceptualizing femme identity and femmephobia.

I believe that this article contributes to the literature a more inclusive definition of femme identity and pushes the boundaries of intersectional theory.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing back from you regarding this submission.

Sincerely,

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