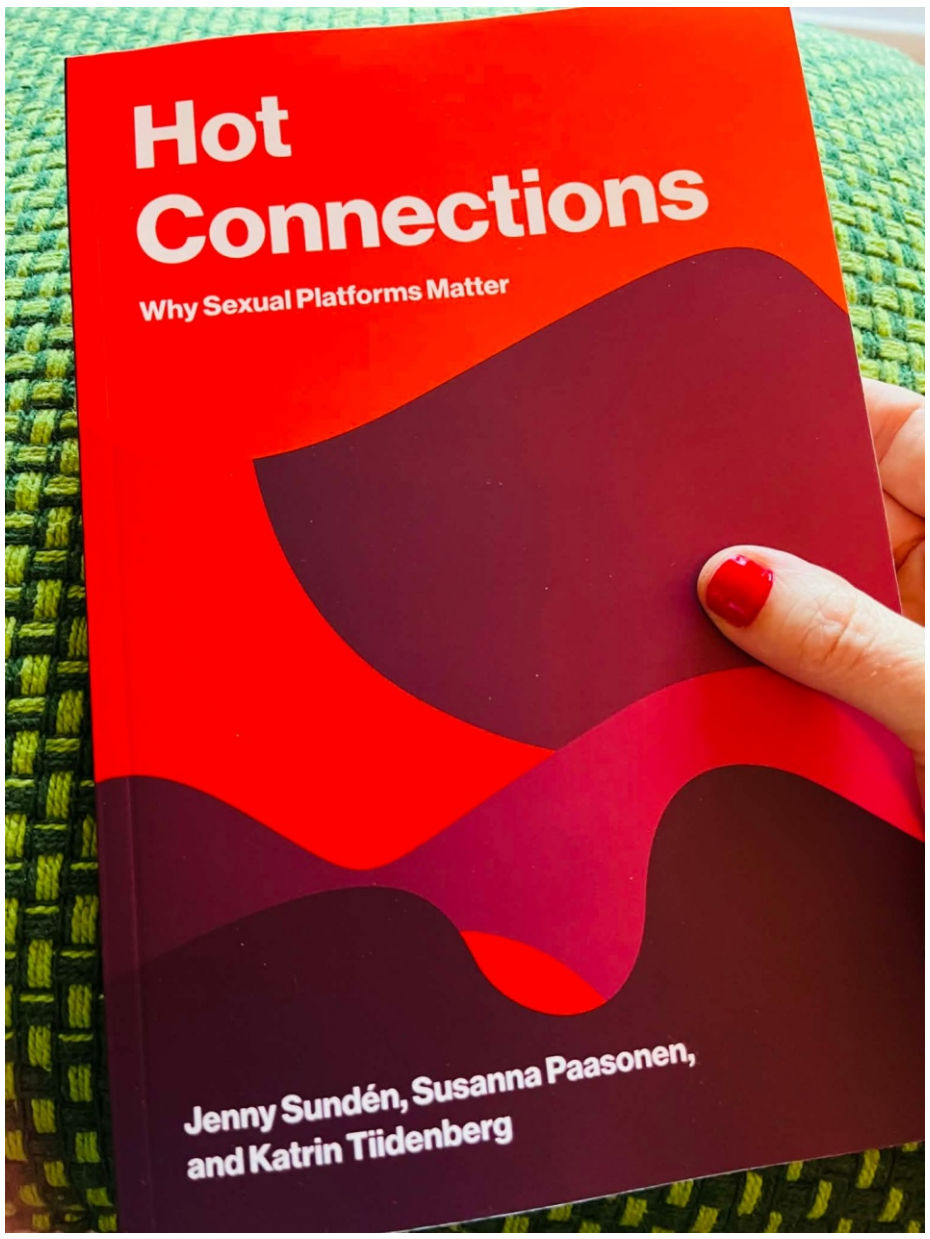
Book release and discussion on Hot Connections: Why Sexual Platforms Matter (Accelerator, 27 April)

Queerseminariet (The Seminar in Queer Studies) invites you to a book release and discussion on the new book 'Hot Connections: Why Sexual Platforms Matter' with the authors Jenny Sundén (Uppsala University, Södertörn University), Susanna Paasonen (University of Turku) and Katrin Tiidenberg (Tallinn University).

What can we learn from including sexual platforms in definitions of social media and, by extension, from including sex in definitions of "the social" itself? Hot Connections explores three local sexual platforms: the Swedish Darkside, used by kink and BDSM practitioners; the Estonian Libertine Center, used mainly by non-monogamous people; and the Finnish Alastonsuomi, used for a wide variety of nude and sexual displays of self-expression. Intervening in debates on the value of sexual social media, the book discusses what it means to research sexuality when sexual data is understood as sensitive by default, what platform governance from the margins may look like, and how sex and intimacy are not the same thing in networked sexuality. Sexual platforms afford freedom of worldmaking, belonging, and a right to sexually exist. While providing vital spaces for sexual self-expression—and indeed, hot connections—platforms also involve friction as expectations and desires clash and collide.



When: 27 April, 5.30–7.30 pm. The discussion begins at 6 pm.

Where: Accelerator, the café, Frescativägen 26A, Stockholm University. The Queer Seminar is offering non-alcoholic drinks and snacks; the bar is open for purchases.

Registration: By **20 April** at the latest to **elin.bengtsson@gender.su.se**. (Registration is required; places are limited)