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Change Historical Biological Theories of Sex – Theories of Two or More Sexes Too Simplistic: The Current State of Research in Gender Studies Concerning the Biological Theories of the Sexes Antiquity – The »One-Sex« and »Two-Sex« Models The Middle-Ages – Not Just Reducing but Creative Humorism and the Theory of the Temperaments Theories of Preformation in the Seventeenth Century – Describing Differences of the Sexes The Transition to the Developmental Concept (Epigenesis) – Descriptions of Sameness May Tie In Analogy and Sameness, as Tied in With Developmental Theories Human Beings are Paired in Themselves – Being Adult »Female-Males« and »Male-Females« »Activity«, » Advancement«, »Lag« – Descriptions of the Differences of the Sexes Which Tie in with Developmental Theories Detailed Descriptions of Differences »Newer« Evolutionary Theories After Charles Dawin – Differences of the Sexes and Emancipatory »Romanticizing Darwin« Conclusions Current Biological Theories of the Sexes The Sexes between Brain, Muscles, and Microscopic Particles Procreation as a Characteristic of the Species – and the Individual Form of Human Genitalia The Formation of the Genitalia in the Development of the Embryo Gonads, Germ Cells and Eventually Chromosomes and Genes: Do They Prove Sexual Binariness? Development and Differentiation: The Transition to Process Orientation in Current Theories of the Development of the Sexes Conclusions Closing Quoted and Recommended (*) Literature

Sommario/riassunto

Little defines human life more than the biological sexes. The concept of the binary sexes greatly affects our choices given in society, our income, and our visibility. Moreover, it is also the root for profound discrimination. Today, the idea that the binary sexes are nature-given is so intrinsically woven into the fabric of human life that we tend to forget just how modern the concept is. We also tend to forget that it does not have to be more than a bump on the path to a just society. Drawing from philosophical, historical, and biological perspectives, the author challenges existing beliefs in the inevitability of the binary nature of the human sexes. The study compellingly argues for the existence of many biological sexes, not merely two. It also outlines just how otherwise overcome assumptions still shape our seemingly modern understanding of the most basic classification of our societies: that of the biological sexes and the attributes piled upon them.
