

LGBT History Month Event

Anders als die Andern/ Different From the Others

Dir. Richard Oswald, 1919

Birkbeck Cinema, 43 Gordon Square WC1H 0PD
Thursday 13 February 2014, 6pm.

The first film in the history of cinema to deal explicitly with homosexuality, *Anders als die Andern* tells the story of Paul Körner (Conrad Veidt), a gay pianist who is being blackmailed because of his homosexuality. When the blackmail threatens his budding relationship with a young musician, Körner seeks legal help but finds that Paragraph 175 of the German Code – which criminalizes homosexuality – turns him into the accused. Featuring a guest appearance by Magnus Hirschfeld, the sexologist and early gay rights activist, *Anders als die Andern* shows the precariousness of queer life in Weimar Germany and documents first attempts at resistance.

This event aims to remember and reassess the difficult history of homosexual persecution. The screening will be introduced by Heike Bauer and is followed by a panel discussion featuring Silke Arnold-de Simine, Justin Bengry, Daniel Monk and Chrysanthi Nigianni.

** The German silent movie will be shown with English subtitles **

Programme:

6.00pm: Drinks Reception

6.30pm: Film Screening

7.30pm: Panel Discussion

Free. All welcome, but please register to secure your place: <http://anders-als-die-andern.eventbrite.co.uk/>

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