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Speech as a Religious Resource Knowledge, Counseling and Sexuality in African Pentecostalism

In this talk I will address the manner in which in pentecostal circles the domain of sexuality is increasingly being approached less through ‚inspiration‘ and revelation (as is otherwise common in charismatic Pentecostal circles), but instead through a religious engagement with knowledge, medical discourses, communication, study and writing. This kind of sophistication is particularly happening in the practice of ‚Counseling‘ which is first and foremost a speech-act belonging to the realm of what Foucault has named a confessional technique. Counseling is both a technique and a resource of knowledge about ‚behavioral change‘ implicated in religious AND medical practice. A lot of training, skills and other capacities go into the practice, making it a veritable communicative resource indeed.