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ANALYSIS OF MAGNUS HIRSCHFELD'S WORK: FROM A PAMPHLET TO THE BURNING OF THE INSTITUTE OF SEXOLOGY IN 1933

Summary

The paper analyzes the complex work of German physician and sexologist Magnus Hirschfeld within the context of sexology, covering the period from his initial activist efforts in the 1890s to the Nazi destruction of the Institut für Sexualwissenschaft (Institute for Sexology) in 1933, marking the transition from one era to another in the understanding of homosexuality. The main objective of this paper is to present Hirschfeld's activism through an analysis of his works, highlighting his significant contributions and influence in the field of sexual science as well as his efforts in advocating for LGBTQ+ rights during the early 20th century.

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