In 2017, Amnesty International reported a global tendency towards ‘angrier and more divisive politics’. Amnesty warned that ‘the idea of human dignity and equality’ is ‘under vigorous and relentless assault from powerful narratives of blame, fear and scapegoating, propagated by those who sought to take or cling on to power’. Stigma is a productive lens through which to understand better these prevailing social conditions of ‘division and dehumanization’. Imogen Tyler provides a new historically informed account of the social and political function of stigmatization.

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