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### **Presentation**

What does rape culture look like?

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### **Abstract**

The phrase 'rape culture' has gathered considerable traction in the UK over the last two years where much of the interest (journalistic and academic) has focused on the rise of 'lad culture' within the British university system suggesting that the university setting is the nexus of a 'rape culture'. This paper aims to move beyond the university setting to consider how rape culture is constructed, maintained and perpetuated in subtler ways within and across the screen. I want to interrogate the way that rape is normalised across a number of screen texts that methodically and quietly erodes women's agency.