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Living Smile Vidya **“I am Vidya”**

Living Smile Vidya, born 1982 in Tamil Nadu, is an author, theatre and film actress and activist, based in Chennai and Bengaluru. In her autobiography “I am Vidya”, which was published in Tamil and English in 2007, she recounts all the indignities a transgender or *tirunangai* can suffer in a world inhabited by men and women. She has a Master's degree in Linguistics and studied Performing Arts in London. She is presently acting in the performance EF_FEMININITY at Theater Dampfzentrale Bern.

In her talk she will give an insight into her childhood unease with her male body, her escape from her family to a house of Hijras, her life as a Hijra or *tirunangai*, and her struggle for transgender rights.

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