

MEN'S BODIES FOR SALE IN TOURISM CONTEXTS IN MEXICO CITY

A Spatial Perspective

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This paper sets out to explore the spatial dynamics of male sex work in the so-called Zona Rosa of Mexico City, the capital's most notorious tourist and gay-oriented neighbourhood. The study concerns both foreign and domestic demand. Focusing on the tourist scene, it starts with an overview of the spatial context, the location of homoerotic (mainly gay) sexual interaction practices, and the distribution of male-to-male prostitution venues in Mexico City. In the following section, an analysis of the results of eight interviews to sex workers who regularly serve tourists illustrates the spatial dynamics of sex tourism in the area. The analysis includes the rituals the interviewees go through when offering their services. The article ends with a discussion of the identities and social practices of sex workers.

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