

HOMOEROTICISM IN TRAVEL

Sexual Pleasure for Men in Spaces of Anonymity

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This article explores the sexual habits of men who publicly ascribe themselves to a heterosexual identity endorsed by marriage, but who during their business trips seek sexual involvement with other men. Contact takes place in anonymous virtual and physical spaces devoid of social identity and exempt from moral judgment, where users experience that sense of freedom so typical of travel. The ethnography was conducted between 2010 and 2012 using the techniques of participant observation and urban stroll (flânerie) which, along with the application of interviews, allowed the author to delve into such virtual and physical spaces in five Brazilian capitals and in Lisbon, Portugal. The results show that in the anonymity of these spaces, sexual encounters between men are usually casual and unique, and between them a liberating sense of freedom and unity is established during their trips.

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