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ORGANIZATION

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- Queer Geography, z. s. (main organizer) www.queergeography.cz
- Charles University, Faculty of Science, Department of Social Geography and Regional Development (host institution) www.natur.cuni.cz
- Czech Geographical Society (host organization) www.geography.cz/

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- Space Sexualities and Queer Research Group (SSQRG) of the Royal Geographical Society (RGS) with the Institute of British Geographers (IBG)
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- Primeros Prague a.s.

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Conference venue:

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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The first European Geographies of Sexualities conference (EGSC) took place in Brussels (2011) and it was also the first time when we learned that this conference is, in fact, a global conference having its name derived from the region where it is organized and not by or for whom. The second conference took place in Lisbon (2013), the third one in Rome (2015), and the fourth one in Barcelona (2017).

Based on the collective nomination reached by the members of the EGSC international scientific committee in Barcelona, accepted by Michal Pitoňák; the fifth conference is organized in Prague by non-governmental organization Queer Geography with support of Charles University (Faculty of Science) and Czech geographical society (ČGS). We are thankful to all partners for allowing us to continue with the tradition of this biennial event.

This year's conference aims to continue with the dynamic, diverse, and international development of research that intersects not only with diverse sexualities and genders but also with other axes of human difference. Our conference invites scholars, professionals, activists, and other interested participants who work across multiple scholarly disciplines or geographical contexts.

We strive to create a respectful space for open debate and discussion. The local organizing committee is delighted that this conference proceedings includes contributions from 158 scholars coming from 36 countries around the globe.

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TITLE OF THE SESSION:

EXPLORING QUEER EPISTEMOLOGIES BEYOND

Day:

Saturday, 28th September

Location and time:

VEZ, 10:30 – 12:10

Chair(s):

Magdalena Moreno

Jaime Eduardo Barrientos Delgado

THE REPRESENTATIONS OF SPACE OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING FOR SEXUAL EXPLOITATION IN ARGENTINA, AT THE BEGINNINGS OF THE 21ST CENTURY

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ABSTRACT

The present paper analyzes the representations of space of human trafficking for sexual exploitation in Argentina, between 2008 and 2018. For this analysis, I worked with Lefebvre's theory, especially with the three dimensional analysis of espacial production: spatial practices, representations of space and spaces of representation. I paid special attention to the second concept to interpret the mapping produced by Ministerio Público Fiscal (the ministry that is in charge of administers justice), the mass media and civil society organizations. The paper is organized in three moments. At first, it describes, briefly, Henri Lefebvre's conceptualization to analyze the spatiality and emphasizes the concept of representations of space. In a second moment, analyzes the mapping made to represent the phenomenon of human trafficking for sexual exploitation in Argentina. Then, a critical reading about this mapping is made and the spatiality that they create or construct is analyzed from a gender perspective. That perspective is required to do the analysis because it allows to visibilize the gender oppression at the sexual exploitation. In a third moment and to conclude, some questions are opened in relation to the possible geographical imaginaries that can be configured from the representations of the space of human trafficking of sexual exploitation in Argentina

Keywords: representations of space; mapping; trafficking for sexual exploitation; feminist Geography; Argentina

THE POTENTIAL QUEER(ING) POLITICS OF ALL-GENDER RESTROOMS

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ABSTRACT

In the binary-gendered public realm, where norms are routinely policed and can often be violently enforced, the inclusion of trans and gender nonconforming users in shared social spaces has triggered an increased surveillance of suspect identity formations. In this often-hostile environment, all-gender multi-stalled bathrooms in the urban landscapes of the UK and The The United States have emerged as safe(r) spaces for marginalized-gender populations. Yet can these locales provide more political legitimization for their non-cisgender users? This paper, based on a dissertation chapter from my ethnographic research, seeks to explore the queer amicability embedded in the mutually constitutive relationship between the public all-gendered restroom and its gender-marginalized users. Through an analytic lens that puts Gidden's 'duality-of-structure' in conversation with Bourdieu's cultural capital/habitus/field and Gans' sociology-of-space, I highlight that the reiterative moments embedded in the mutual relationship between the politics of all-gender spaces such as restrooms and its trans/nonbinary/genderqueer users creates an opportunity to validate and legitimate new bodily inscriptions, foment queer social relations, and embody potent political resistance. I conclude that while making room for 'something else' to be created, these same politics may also reproduce sexual, racial, and class inequalities, especially in lieu of any mechanisms of reflexivity that encourage personal and communal accountability.

Keywords: Queer; all-gender; space; transgender; restrooms