

Please find below call for papers for the session:

Geography of LGBT+ tourism

6th European Geography of Sexualities Conference

Embodied Geographies of Differences: Trans* Spaces, Identities and Solidarities

14th-19th September, Cadiz, Spain

LGBT+ tourism is a business segment that has experienced strong growth since the end of the last century. LGBT-friendly destinations, LGBT+ oriented tourism products and local resources, and significant business figures are identifiable in places where this activity has been promoted. Academic literature has dealt with LGBT+ tourism from many approaches: economic, socio-cultural, geopolitical, identity, moral, health, security, civil rights, and, of course, from the perspective of gender and sexualities, among others. The mainstream analysis of gay tourism that is associated with a certain type of leisure that has been detailed as rich and nuanced. Some of this work discusses: lesbian tourism, trans people, the subtleties around homosexual men beyond the homonormative, queer spaces in tourist destinations, debates around city brands, the semiotics of marketing in tourist products, non-Eurocentric visions, the role of intersectionalities in tourism, cleavages between local and visiting populations and more.

The social dynamics and laws regarding LGBT+ are changing with advances and regressions in different parts of the world, and that undoubtedly will affect the tourism market, culture and experience. The growing number of homosexual couples with children, the greater visibility of trans people or the irruption of contact applications that involve new conceptions of space are variables that transform LGBT+ tourism every day. Therefore, new reflections on LGBT+ tourism are necessary to understand its evolution and its spatial implications. This session proposes a discussion on the territorialities inherent to tourism through a gender and sexualities perspective. Focusing on tourist destinations as a zone of hybridisation with alterity, newness, otherness or difference, the session particularly considers tourism in terms of gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation and performance. Specifically, through the focus on tourism, the session will highlight subjects such as place of origin, displacement and mobility.

Relevant topics include but are not limited to:

- The tourism experience from an LGBT perspective
- Constructing sexual/gender identity through tourism
- Legal limitations for LGBT tourism
- New civil rights, new LGBT tourism
- LGBT city branding and LGBT marketing
- LGBT tourism spaces in destinations
- Interactions between residents and LGBT tourists
- Interactions between LGBT tourists
- LGBT digital geography through online dating applications
- Events and LGBT tourism
- Sex and LGBT tourism
- Geopolitics of LGBT tourism

Submission process

Please send an abstract of 250 words, contact information (email and institutional affiliation), and a short bio by **March 27th, 2022** to jordicalabuigserra@gmail.com.

Decisions letters will be sent by April 17th. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Short biographical notes:

Gilly Hartal (session chair)

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Gilly Hartal is an assistant professor at the Gender Studies Program, Bar-Ilan University. Her research and teaching interests include geographies of sexualities and gender, queer theory, qualitative methodologies and specifically the production of spatial belonging through discourses of inclusion and exclusion along national, ethnic, gendered, class and sexual trajectories. Her current research focuses on political subjectivities of lesbian, bisexual and transgender women outside urban centers in Israel. She published in journals such as *Urban Studies* (2018, 2020); *Social and Cultural Geography* (2017, 2020), *EPC: Politics and Space* (2019); *Journal of Homosexuality* (2018); *Gender, Place & Culture* (2016); *Sexualities* (2016); *ACME* (2016) and more.

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Jordi Calabuig Serra is a PhD student in geography at the University Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne (France) and in tourism at the University of Girona (Spain). He has been associate professor in human geography in the Tourism degree at University of Girona. His academic interests focus on the sustainability of tourism, currently in its social dimension with special interest in the perspective of the local population.