

Sexy Spaces: Leisure and Geography Intersectionalities
22nd May, 2009

A one day workshop organised by University of Brighton and British Sociological Association (Leisure and Recreation Study Group)
Venue: Grand Parade, Brighton Campus

Workshop aim

For some time, the respective approaches of leisure and geography scholars in considering the links between leisure, space and spatiality have been recognised and at times registered. There are multiple overlaps, some of which are implicit in work that considers space and consumption, space and physical activity, and space and spectacle. Integral to parts of this work has been theoretical engagements with sexualities. Yet, in common with the intersection of geographies and leisure studies the potential productive links in this area have yet to be fully explored, or even most of the overlaps acknowledged.

This one day event aims to make explicit the shared objects of study, approaches and analyses, and further forge the intersections of leisure and geographies through a focus on sexualities in/and space. It seeks to develop innovative inter-disciplinary work that challenges assertions of an 'absence' in geographies/leisure studies regarding investigations of sex, sexualities and sexual lives. In carving out avenues for investigation and theorisation the conference aspires to offer new modes of enquiry that engage with diverse, and often separate, audiences.

Papers are invited that address these core issues including, but not limited to, these themes:

- Intersections of leisure studies and geographies of sexualities
- Sex, the sexual and 'sexy'; theories and methodologies
- Spaces, practices and cultures
- Consumption, technologies and moralities
- Mobilities and globalisations
- Desire, pleasure and the sensual
- Embodiments, emotions and affects
- Sex and sexual lives

Confirmed speakers

Cara Aitchison, Jon Binnie, Phil Hubbard, Beverley Skeggs

Abstract submission guidelines

An abstract of no more than 200 words should be submitted by **Monday March 30th**, 2009. The abstract should include title, name(s) of authors, affiliations, postal and e-mail addresses. Abstracts should be submitted to: j.c.caudwell@brighton.ac.uk

Publications plan

Contributors are invited to submitted complete papers for review for a Special Issue of *Leisure Studies* (2011)

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