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YOUTH BODIES FOR SALE ON THE STREETS OF THE ZONA ROSA

POWER AND RESISTANCE IN A DIVERSE SEXUAL ENVIRONMENT

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THIS CASE STUDY FOCUSES ON THE SEX TRADE IN THE STREETS OF MEXICO CITY'S ZONA ROSA, WHICH IS OFFERED AND CONSUMED BY MEN. THE STUDY OFFERS A REFLECTION ON THE EXTENT TO WHICH IT CONSISTS OF A TRANSGRESSION IN PUBLIC SPACE.

Highlights

- > To demonstrate how male-male sex work, in the public space of the Zona Rosa of Mexico City, transgresses traditional culture in terms of diverse sexuality, youth and the sex trade.

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What is planned for the next year

- A** Conclude with the first scientific article.
- B** Begin with the second part of the research on cyberspace (documentary research and exploration of social networks and websites).

Type of products envisaged in the coming year

> Scientific publication ;

> Presentation at a conference.

What was done this year

- Documentary research was completed to cover the theoretical basis of the research; semi-structured interviews with sex workers have practically been concluded; 60% progress was made in the development of an article that will soon be concluded; research advances were presented at a national forum; Rodrigo Pérez Toledo obtained his master's degree in Geography.

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Preliminary results

– The most important problematic was to determine whether or not sex workers transgress in the public space where they carry out their activities; the doubt arose because sex workers seek to remain underground and invisible, because Mexican society has been characterized by a series of prejudices towards diversity and sex trade. Indeed, this practice now takes place in calm contexts and with much indifference on the part

of diverse social actors (neighbours, police, merchants), who weave a generalized social rejection through a certain passive or symbolic violence. The sex workers interviewed showed intolerance to the very work they do, whose concealment and invisibilization impedes public debate or formal regulation. The main regulatory mechanism at work here is indifference.