

geographies of sexualities

theory, practices and politics

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Recent years have seen a dramatic upsurge of interest in the connections between sexualities, space and place. Drawing established and 'founding' figures of the field together with emerging authors, this innovative volume offers a broad, interdisciplinary and international overview of the geographies of sexualities. Incorporating a discussion of queer geographies, *Geographies of Sexualities* engages with cutting edge agendas and challenges the orthodoxies within geography regarding spatialities and sexualities. It contains original and previously unpublished material that spans the often separated areas of theory, practices and politics. This innovative volume offers a trans-disciplinary engagement with the spatialities of sexualities, intersecting discussions of sexualities with issues such as development, race, gender and other forms of social difference.

This collection offers a refreshing new take on how the 'queer' is being thought, lived, and loved by scholars at the leading edge of sexuality research in geography. The way that the editors have sutured the breadth of theoretical and empirical scholarship that is collected, promises to ignite considerably more dialogue among those working in and across racialised sexuality formations. Both retrospective and prospective, the collection provides readers with a wonderfully balanced sense of a sub-discipline concerned with making socio-spatiality central to understandings of love and desire.

Heidi J. Nast, DePaul University, USA

The essays in this collection refuse to be trapped within the rigid place/space binary that has long dominated the field of cultural geography. Here geography and sexuality is framed through a post-Cartesian lens, with social actors and their spatial formations/transgressions placed at the centerpiece of each discussion.

William Leap, American University Washington DC, USA

This book will undoubtedly prove to be a key staging post in unraveling the mysteries of the geographies of sexualities and will be a key reference point for those wishing to engage in such endeavors.

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