

## Gender and Sexual Politics in Hospitality

The aim of this special issue is to address gaps in knowledge on how gender and gendered relations are conceptualised or enacted, wherever and whenever hospitality is offered or consumed. As we hear how hospitality is expressed in our societies, institutions, and homes, it is clear that gender and sexual politics profoundly influence expectations and behaviours. Yet, the manifestations and mechanisms of gender are challenging to tease out, embedded as they are in the routines of everyday life or taken-for-granted occupational cultures. Historically, gender research tended to focus on women, who were viewed in relation to a homogeneous group of men. Although 'genderless' men were not classified into biologically stereotyped boxes in the same limiting ways as women continue to be, nonetheless, they are expected to embody and enact dominant heterosexual mores (Pringle 2008). Little attention is paid to the ways that alternative expressions of masculinity or non-heteronormative identity influence hospitality interactions (Mooney 2020).

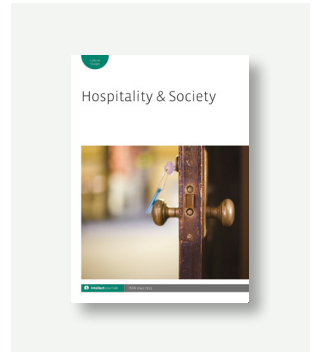
Therefore, contributions are welcomed that will advance beyond traditional notions of 'natural' or binary gendered orders, to highlight hidden, neglected, innovative and/or alternative perspectives in hospitality. It is hoped that authors will draw on insights from foundational gender scholars, for example, Joan Acker, Kimberlé Crenshaw, Evangelina Holvino, Judith Butler and Gayle Rubin, or previous explorations into gendered power relations and identity politics in hospitality studies (see, for example, Dyer and Hurd 2021; Kensbock et al. 2014; Rydzik et al. 2012; Wijesinghe 2017). Intersectional, post and multi-disciplinary approaches are especially encouraged, in line with *Hospitality & Society's* unique perspective of hospitality as metaphor, and critical lens to interpret society's social and economic exchanges (Lynch et al. 2021; McIntosh and Harris 2012), and evolving interdisciplinary turn (Lynch et al. 2021).

The broad topics of interest to this special issue include, but are not limited to:

- Studies of gender politics in action in commercial hospitality settings, either empirical or conceptual.
- Investigations that incorporate contemporary or innovative methodologies or methods, including non-Western and indigenous approaches.
- Contributions on gendered relations in neglected areas, for example, how sexual politics play out in society and sites of hospitality.
- Articles that propose an agenda for change or whose emancipatory focus is on initiatives to counter gendered violence and injustice, either symbolic or tangible.
- Examinations of gendered power relations in hospitality institutions and organisations, academic and commercial.
- Explorations of gender relations in closed, sequestered, domestic and or/or private settings.

### Submission guidelines

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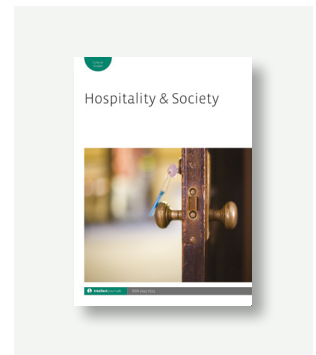
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