



## Mobilizing Hospitality

The Ethics of Social Relations in a Mobile World

Edited by Jennie Germann Molz, College of the Holy Cross, MA, USA and Sarah Gibson, University of Surrey, UK



November 2007  
232 pages  
978-0-7546-7015-5  
Includes 14 b&w illustrations

234 x 156 mm  
Hardback  
\$99.95

The concept of 'mobility' has sparked lively academic debate in recent years. Drawing on research from the fields of anthropology, geography, sociology and tourism studies, this volume examines the intersection between mobility and hospitality, highlighting the issues that emerge as we encounter strangers in a mobile world.

Through a series of diverse empirical accounts, it focuses on the transnational movement of people in the contexts of migration and tourism and examines how hospitality serves as a way of promoting and policing encounters, questioning how these relations are marked by exclusion as well as inclusion, and by violence as well as by kindness. In addition to exploring the power relations between mobile populations (hosts and guests) and attitudes (hospitality and hostility), the book also examines spaces of hospitality and mobility, such as cities, hotels, clubs, cafes, spas, asylums, restaurants, homes and homepages. In doing so, it makes a significant contribution to the political and ethical dimensions of mobile social relations.

### Contents

Introduction: mobilizing and mooring hospitality, Jennie Germann Molz and Sarah Gibson; Seville to Hackney: a photographic journey, Elly Clarke; Moments of hospitality, David Bell; Hospitality and migrant memory in Maxwell Street, Chicago, Tim Cresswell; Cosmopolitans on the couch: mobile hospitality and the internet, Jennie Germann Molz; Sensing and performing hospitalities and socialities of tourist places: eating and drinking out in Harrogate and Whitehaven, Viv Cuthill; Hospitality, kinesthesia and health: Swedish spas and the market for well-being, Tom O'Dell; Resident hosts and mobile strangers: temporary exchanges within the topography of the commercial home, Paul Lynch, Maria Di Domenico, Majella Sweeney; Hospitality in flames: queer immigrants and melancholic be/longing, Adi Kuntsman; 'Abusing our hospitality': inhospitableness and the politics of deterrence, Sarah Gibson; Hospitality and the limitations of the national, Karima Laachir; Figures of oriental hospitality: nomads and sybarites, Judith Still; Index.

### About the Editor

Jennie Germann Molz is Assistant Professor of Sociology, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Massachusetts. Sarah Gibson is Lecturer in the Department of Culture, Media and Communication, University of Surrey, UK.

[www.ashgate.com/isbn/9780754670155](http://www.ashgate.com/isbn/9780754670155)

# ASHGATE

To order this book please visit [www.ashgate.com](http://www.ashgate.com), or email [orders@ashgate.com](mailto:orders@ashgate.com)  
A 10% discount applies to orders placed through [www.ashgate.com](http://www.ashgate.com)