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Same-Sex Relations in 18th-Century Paris

During the century preceding the French Revolution, defenders of tradition and advocates of Enlightenment engaged in abstract debates about human nature, destiny and sexuality. The police of Paris, meanwhile, subjected men involved in same-sex relations to surveillance, entrapment, arrest, interrogation and imprisonment. The hundreds of police reports in Parisian archives allow us to reconstruct the geography and sociology of the sexual subculture and to analyze changes in patterns of repression over time.



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7 p.m.

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