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Conduct Unbecoming: Bodily Resistance, the Ethics of the Self, and Sexual-Affective Economies in Post-Soviet Cuba

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Since the economic crisis of the 1990s in Cuba, pursuing relationships with foreigners has emerged as a viable means of accessing hard currency, consumer goods, travel, and emigration – of gaining admittance to a perceived better life. This practice is part of a broader set of black- and grey-market activities known locally as 'jineterismo'. The state has responded controversially, categorising these people as 'prostitutes' and enacting a programme of mass arrests and 'rehabilitation' centres, creating an atmosphere of fear with severe implications for political subjectivity and sexuality in Cuba today.

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