

The present paper is concerned with male prostitutes, whom the author calls "butterflies". Its aim is to portray this groups' everyday reality and life on the streets, however, the name of the city and their specific meeting points are to remain unrevealed. According to their age, "butterflies" can be divided into three groups, the oldest ending at the age of thirty, when "butterflies" become literally unsellable. The social origin of "butterflies" consists of several factors which are the cause of their ending up on the streets and selling their bodies. This "business" is a predominantly seasonal issue, since the number of "butterflies" severely increases during the summer months. As for their ethnic origin we can clearly conclude that above 50 % of the people earning their living as male prostitutes are ethnic Romas. The majority of "butterflies" are heterosexually oriented. It is important to understand that their behavior can be completely explained by financial motivations, that is, they are merely trying to survive on the streets by any means possible. A unanimous community among "butterflies" is non-existent, instead, they form systems of alliances, which occasionally cooperate. Their lack of self-reflection implies that they are often unable or unwilling to cope with their situation and pretend to "keep up their level". This pretence may cause major psychological traumas and may even result in suicide. The main factors of a "butterfly's" sellability are age, physical attractiveness and drug addiction. As for clients, in 50 % of all cases they are foreigners whose main motivations are the inexpensiveness and a certain exoticism of native "butterflies". Half of them are bisexually oriented men. The Project of Chance, where the author worked in the years 2003-04 provides counselling and assistance to "butterflies".

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