



"Spatiality and Temporality"

International Conference

14-15 February 2026
Birkbeck, University of London / Online

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Programme

Saturday, 14 February
(In-person Sessions, Birkbeck)

9:30-11:00 Session 1: Temporal Imaginaries and Spatial Consciousness

Chair: Valerie Fryer-Davis

Priya Trivedi, Indian Institute of Technology, Mandi (India)

Past Perfect: An Enquiry into the Cyclical Temporal Framework and the Imagination of the Past in the Ancient Sanskrit Kāvya Literature

Amir Shahhosseini Angas, University College Cork (Ireland)

Spatial Disorientation and Temporal Flux: The Flâneur in Phenomenological Perspective

David F. Richter, Utah State University (USA) morning

The Aesthetics of Slowness: Deceleration and Genre in Contemporary Hispanic Literature

Elena Nistor, London Centre for Interdisciplinary Research (UK)

Intersections of Time and Space in Simon Armitage's *New Cemetery* (2025)

11:00-11:15 Tea/Coffee

11:15-12:30 Session 2: Mapping Power, Memory and Decolonial Space

Chair: Iuliana Gavril

Abdelaaziz El Bakkali, Radouane El Bakkali, EL Hassane El Hilali, ASU (USA)

Imagined Morocco: Mapping New Spatiality through Western Narratives

Savia Palate, University of Cyprus (Cyprus)

Nicosia Women's Bazaar, Tracing Spatial Narratives of a Demolished Structure

Valerie Fryer-Davis, Arcadia University (USA)

Decolonial Counternarratives of Extraction at the Völklingen Ironworks

12:30-13:10 Lunch

13:10-14:00 Session 3: Sacred Time, Political Space and Necropolitical Geographies

Chair: Priya Trivedi

Iuliana Gavril, Norwich University of the Arts (UK)

Enshrining Time During Atengenoba: An Ethnographic Study of Sacred Time-Space in Khevsureti, Georgia

Tamam Mohsen, University of Geneva (Switzerland)

"Engineering Death": A Self-Reflexive Account on Israel's Necropolitical Laboratory and Spatial Violence in Gaza

Sunday, 15 February
(Online Sessions, Zoom)

9:00-10:30 Session 4: Relational Ontologies of Time–Space

Chair: Martina Jauch

Tavakefai‘ana, Sēmisi Fetokai Kuliha‘apai Moahehengiovava‘ulahi Potauaine, Maui-TāVā-He-Ako Dr Tēvita O. Ka‘ili, Hūfanga-He-Ako-Moe-Lotu Dr ‘Ōkusitino Māhina, Unitec Institute of Technology & Vava‘u Academy for Critical Inquiry & Applied Research (New Zealand)

Tā-Vā, Fuo-Uho: Tongan Temporality-Spatiality, Formality-Substantiality

Angelique Edmonds, Adelaide University (Australia)

Intersections in the Structure of Relatedness

Francesca Battistoni, Urbino University Carlo Bo (Italy)

Relational Spacetime

Phoebe Whitman, Michelle Mantsio, RMIT University (Australia)

A Score for Surface

11:00-12:30 Session 5: Architectures of Memory, Futurity, and Spectral Time

Chair: Giulia De Lucia

Stephanie A. Glaser, Ruhr-Universität Bochum (Germany)

Space and Time in Literary Depictions of Gothic Architecture

Martina Jauch, Trier University of Applied Sciences (Germany)

The “Precarious Bildungsroman” --- Suffering, Ecology, and Deleuzian Networks in Jack London’s Fiction

Lars R. "Jones" Vadjina, University of Tübingen (Germany)

Terraforming Time: Space Colonization as Temporal and Spatial Imaginary

Olga Żyminkowska, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan (Poland)

“The Death of the Author” in the Context of Spectral Time

13:30-15:00 Session 6: Urban Palimpsests and Lived Temporalities

Chair: Stephanie A. Glaser

Giulia De Lucia, Politecnico di Torino (Italy)

Redundant Spatialities, Transformed Temporalities: Urban Religious Heritage Between Neglect and Reuse. An Historical Reflection on the Case of Turin (IT)

Anna Toth, University of Genoa (Italy)

Dissolved Monuments, Urban Continuity

Maryam Shaygan, Tehran Azad University (Iran)

Revealing Hidden Interactions: Cross-Criterion Gaps in Evaluating Historic Urban Context

Sergio Villanueva Preston, Princeton University (USA)

Queer Temporalities, Quotidian Architectures: Toward a Spatial Practice of Ephemera, Performativity, and Maintenance

15:20-16:50 Session 7: Disrupting Clock Time and Alternative Temporalities

Chair: Anna Toth

Zachariah A. Michielli, Ball State University (USA)

The Failure of Metric Time; How Common Time Defied Restructuring

Cath Wang, West Valley College (USA)

Losing Control in a Dusty Anthropocene

Marc J Neveu, Arizona State University (USA)

Slow Time: Lingering in Scarpa's Woods

Steven Chodoriwsky, University of Utah (USA)

The State of the School of the State: Campus Spatial Practice on University Standard Time

17:00-17:50 Session 8: Sacred Spatialities and the Search for Belonging

Chair: Zachariah A. Michielli

Christian Nathen Ng, Global University, Missouri (USA) / Ecclesia Theological Seminary (Hong Kong, China)

In Search of the Sense of Spiritual Home: A Case Study of Religious Spatiality of Chinese Pentecostalism from an Interdisciplinary Perspective

Oumaima Bouaziz, University of Mannouba (Tunisia)

The Metamorphosis of Sacred Space: A Morphological and Phenomenological Study
of Contemporary Tunisian Mosques