



***SPSSI/EASP Joint Meeting: Mapping Space/Place and Psychology***

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**Our Invitation:**

Across a number of sub-domains of psychology, there is evidence of an increasing interest in the ways in which psychological and social processes are embedded in, or otherwise connected to, people's physical surroundings – be these specific spaces and places, territories that are “owned” by different groups, or broader environments and landscapes. The material or symbolic features of physical spaces and places can include or exclude specific individuals or groups, can permit or deny opportunities for interaction with others, and can support or undermine attempts to realize the individual or collective self. The dynamic connections between individual psychology, social processes, and physical spaces or places can also play out in a variety of different domains, including educational settings, organizations, communities, and society as a whole, and might include topics such as safe or protected spaces, marked spaces, contested spaces, public spaces, and/ or sacred spaces.

The aim of this workshop is to bring together researchers who are relatively early in their careers working on connections between physical space and psychological experience. The contributions that have been invited cover a range of different contexts, approaches, perspectives, and methods for understanding the connections between individuals, communities, and the physical spaces and places that surround them.

In return, we hope we can create a space within which our contributors can not only transmit their work to others, but also network, share ideas and resources, and develop collaborations that travel forward into the future.

## **Format and Expectations:**

In putting together this workshop, our main goal was to be as generative as possible by bringing together diverse perspectives in a (relatively) non-hierarchical structure. To achieve this goal, we have tried to break away from the traditional format of a conference in which every individual gives stand-alone talks and only reports on work that they have done to an audience that listens.

Our model for this meeting gives more space for different kinds of contribution, and more time for active discussion between participants. A smaller number of “focal talks” have been clustered under loosely themed topics. These talks are given by researchers at varying stages of their career, but all were chosen because they attempt to be integrative of multiple studies/ forms of data, interdisciplinary ideas or broader connections, or making use of new or novel methods. In addition to these talks, we have curated shorter, pre-submitted, empirical papers that seemed to us to connect to the theme of the cluster.

Although these represent different forms of contribution, we see both as important and everyone as active participants. Those giving “focal talks” have been asked to engage with the pre-submitted empirical works. And, reciprocally, the authors of pre-submitted works will be prioritized during the discussion of thematic clusters, and given the opportunity to elaborate on their ideas and make connections back to focal talks they have been clustered with.

As organizers, we will also work hard to identify overarching themes that emerge from the collective work and that could become the basis for more generative discussions that inspire future collaborative connections. And of course everyone will be able to ask questions and share opinions throughout the day, whether in the formal discussions that are part of the programme, or more informally as we interact and talk together across the day.

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9:00

Registration and coffee

9:15 – 10:00

Welcome, introductions, and agenda

**Cluster 1: Mapping meanings onto space and place**

10:00 – 11:40

Contributions to this cluster explore the individual and collective meanings that become associated with space and place, and how these meanings shape individual psychological orientations, experiences, and actions within space or place.

**Focal Talks**

**Kelly Hoffman**

Perceptions of built and natural spaces are gendered, and have consequences

**Jennifer Perry**

Stigmatized vision: Can social identity threat impact distance estimation?

**Valerie Jones Taylor**

Racialized physical space as cultural product

**Empirical Contributions**

**Till Kastendieck**

Evaluation of people and places in spatial context

**Polly Fong**

How social identification buffers the effects of neighborhood SES on mental health

**Joshua Ng**

Acculturation orientations shape international students' performance in socially distinct spaces on campus

**Jenny Xiao**

The role of race and physical distance in rapid shooting decisions

**Caitlyn Yantis**

Invisible middle-class Black space: Asymmetrical person and space stereotyping at the race-class nexus

11:40 – 12:15

Interactive methods demonstration guided by Shellae Versey/ relaxing walk [please bring appropriate shoes]

12:15 – 13:50

Lunch

Cluster 2: **Taking action with(in) space**

13:50 – 15:30

Contributions to this cluster explore how people use spaces to pursue individual or collective agendas, and how the properties of spaces and places permit or prevent individuals to take action or interact with each other within them.

<b>Focal Talks</b>	<b>Empirical Contributions</b>
<p><b>Phia Salter</b> The dynamic resonance between Black museum spaces and sociocultural change</p>	<p><b>Ana Figueiredo</b> The Mapuche in Chile: The interconnections between territorial claims and present-day social conflict</p>
<p><b>Amber Raley</b> Examining the participatory economies developed through large-scale sustainable development projects: The case of the Atlanta BeltLine</p>	<p><b>Sahana Mukherjee</b> Defining U.S. Identity: The role of museums and national flags</p>
<p><b>Demis Glasford</b> A social identity paradigm for contextualized experience (SPACE)</p>	<p><b>Geetha Reddy</b> The dynamic construction of racial and national identity across politicized geographies</p> <p><b>Ekeoma Uzogara</b> Who desires in-group neighbors? Associations of skin tone biases and discrimination with Latinas' segregation preferences</p>

15:30 – 16:00

Coffee break

16:00 – 18:00

### Cluster 3: **Innovating to study space, place, psychology and their connections**

Mapping psychological processes to spaces and places has great potential to innovate the theory and methods used by social psychologists, especially as concepts and techniques from neighbouring disciplines are directed towards more psychological questions. Contributions to this cluster showcase these methodological, theoretical and interdisciplinary innovations

<b>Focal Talks</b>	<b>Empirical Contributions</b>
<b>Shellae Versey</b> Psychology of places and memory	<b>Sandrine Mueller</b> Using human raters to characterize the psychological characteristics of GPS-based places
<b>Joe Hoover</b> Little data, big spaces: Getting more from psychological data through advances in small-area estimation	<b>Sandy Schumann</b> From 'who?' to 'where?': Toward a social-ecological approach to radicalization
<b>Daniel Sullivan</b> Time-space distancing: An integrative, empirically supported construct for the cultural psychology of time and space	<b>Nick Ungson</b> Reverberations of the distant past: Legacies of slavery and their effect on modern-day implicit bias
<b>Lindsay Graham</b> An interdisciplinary look at the person-environment relationship	

18:30

Synthesis over shared plates