

Landscapes of Power: An Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Symposium on Power and Place

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University of Nottingham

The exercise of power and the experience of place are often intrinsically linked, whether through the implementation of national borders, mass surveillance of public places or the spatial control and management of the social body. These landscapes of power are not simply passive experiences but actively central to the creation and maintenance of hierarchical national and social identities. At a moment in history when social and economic anxieties are once again being articulated through the politics of border control, restriction of movement, and the nation state, it seems crucial to examine the formation and experiences of landscapes of power and how we might begin to dismantle and resist them.

This symposium is interested in the many ways power is expressed spatially and the ability for those places to be re-appropriated as sites of resistance and protest. We welcome papers that engage with power and landscape in a broad sense, across historical periods and disciplinary boundaries.

Papers are invited on – but are by no means limited to – the following themes:

- Political control of/through space
- Sites of resistance and protest
- Surveillance and place
- Maps, Borders and migration
- Architecture and the spatial construction of power in the built environment
- Artistic and literary (re)imaginings of landscapes of power
- Power and digital spaces
- Domestic spaces and the exercise of power
- Territory and the rhetoric of sovereignty

This is a one-day, interdisciplinary symposium that seeks to offer postgraduate students an opportunity to present related work at any stage of their research in a friendly and supportive environment. It is the eleventh annual postgraduate workshop to be run by the Landscape, Space, Place Research Group and hosted by the Schools of English and Geography at the University of Nottingham.

We invite abstracts of 250-300 words for 20 minute papers from all current postgraduate students. Please send, along with a short biography, to lsp-group@nottingham.ac.uk by **Monday 17th April 2017**.

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