



Warwick Graduate Conference in Political Geography

## “Politics, Spaces and Imaginations”

28-29<sup>th</sup> November 2013

Department of Politics and International Studies (PaIS)  
University of Warwick

Conference venue: Meeting Room 5, Radcliffe

Keynote:

**Klaus Dodds**

**Royal Holloway, University of London**

Invited Warwick participants:

Clair Blencowe (Sociology)

Chris Browning (PaIS)

Stuart Elden (PaIS)

Dora Kostakopoulou (Law)

David Lambert (History)

Vicki Squire (PaIS)

Nick Vaughan-Williams (PaIS)

Illan Rua Wall (Law)



**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

9:30-10:00 Registration (tea/coffee available at Radcliffe lounge)

10:00-10:10 Introduction

10:10-11:10

**Warwick transdisciplinary roundtable 1:**

**“Territory in Global Politics”**

This opening transdisciplinary roundtable addresses a series of territorial technologies that inextricably constitute global politics. It opens up with a broad yet important question: What is the relationship between space and politics? The panel are invited to discuss the spatialisation of politics and the politicisation of spaces from innovative and diverse perspectives based on their own research and disciplinary backgrounds. Questions for participants to engage with may include (but are not limited to):

- How is the contemporary conception of territory historically articulated and what is politically at stake in such articulation of territory?
- How can we think of global geopolitics through post-/colonial lens?
- Why do bordering practices matter and how might they be changing?
- What are politico-spatialisation processes in citizenship?

Discussant:

Stuart Elden (PaIS)

Dora Kostakopoulou (Law)

David Lambert (History)

Nick Vaughan-Williams (PaIS)

Chair: Hidefumi Nishiyama (PaIS)

11:10-11:40 Tea/coffee break

11:40-12:50 **Borders, Sovereignty, and Camps**

Chair: Nick Vaughan-Williams (PaIS)

*What's in a line? Ideas of sovereignty and identity in policies for open(ing) borders*

Johanna Petterson (Uppsala Universitet)

*Exceptional spaces and the reconstitution of sovereignty: militarising the the “domestic”*

Norma Rossi (University of Reading)

*Violent borderscapes – Greek borders and the EUropean question*

Maurice Stierl (University of Warwick)

12:50-13:50 Lunch

13:50-15:20 **Historical Inscription of the Present-day**

Chair: David Lambert (History)

*“Eurafrique” and its role in France’s present-day*

Benedikt Erforth (University of Trento)

*Counter-cartography in Kalimantan*

Lisa Tilley (University of Warwick, Université libre de Bruxelles)

*Ocean for Japan: possibilities, or limitation? The West, the East, and the South*

Atsuko Watanabe (University of Warwick)

*Colonial Knowledge and the UK Border: The Deportation of Unwanted Subjects and Marriage Bans in Contemporary Liberal Government*

Joe Turner (University of Sheffield)

15:20-15:50 Tea/coffee break

15:50-17:00 **Beyond Terra: Territorialisation of the Internet, Air, and Sea**

Chair: Chris Browning (PaIS)

*Hackers, crackers and the territorialisation of the Internet*

Alex Hoseason (University of Aberystwyth)

*Terror in the air: the political geography of chemical weapons*

Marijn Nieuwenhuis (University of Warwick)

*Maritime borders and territories: A topological space of exception and the suspicious vessel case in Japan*

Hidefumi Nishiyama (University of Warwick)

17:00-17:30 Tea/coffee break

17:30-19:00

**Keynote:**

**Klaus Dodds (Royal Holloway University of London)**

*“I am still not crossing that”: borders, sovereignty, and the insecurity everyday life in Frozen River (2008)*

Chair: Stuart Elden (PaIS)

19:30~ Drinks at the pub at Dirty Ducks

20:30~ Dinner at Xananas

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

10:00-10:30 (Tea/coffee available at Radcliffe lounge)

**10:30-12:00 De-/re-/assembling the City**

Chair: Claire Blencowe (Sociology)

*Circulation unbound: technologies of territory and the birth of the urban*  
Ross Exo Adams (University College London)

*The local south – Tel Aviv’s Neve Sha’anana neighbourhood as microcosm  
bordering*  
Sigi Atteneder (University College London)

*Securing through the failure to secure: inventing resilient disaster sites*  
Charlotte Heath-Kelly (University of Warwick)

*Living for the city: urban refugees and the rejection of the camp*  
Neil James Wilson (City University London)

12:00-13:30 Lunch

**13:30-15:00 Visualising Territoriality and Security**

Chair: Vicki Squire (PaIS)

*Let’s talk about our ways of seeing the world: exploring more explicit ways  
to study media representations in Critical Geopolitics*  
Leonhardt van Efferink (Royal Holloway, University of London)

*Spatial practices, force fields, and the foreign policies of African states*  
Jan Klaassen (University of Reading)

*Hollywood, the Pentagon, and the cinematic production of national security*  
Georg Löffmann (University of Warwick)

*(Un)Concealing technology: imagining spaces of security through the eyes of  
Heidegger and the drone*  
Rogan Collins (University of Warwick)

15:00-15:30 Tea/coffee break

15:30-16:30

**Warwick transdisciplinary roundtable 2:**

**“Territoriality Beyond Territories”**

Following on from the first roundtable, this session will propose critical interventions beyond politico-spatialisation techniques in global politics. How can we imagine the world beyond the ‘territorial trap’ and various bordering practices? Some suggestive questions include but are not limited to:

- How can we think of citizenship beyond current exclusionary practices
- What would be an image of democracy after ‘absolutely nondemocratic’ (Balibar 2004) democratic condition?
- Can we have more participatory democracy beyond politics of borders?
- Can we imagine security beyond state-oriented security?
- How can we critically engage with human rights and laws beyond existing territorial demarcation in laws themselves?

Discussant:

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Chair: Maurice Stierl (PaIS)

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