

Practising Ethics Positionality, Spatiality and Subjectivity in Dialogue

Convened by Professor Jane Rendell as part of the Bartlett Commission on Ethics in Built Environment Research.
14.00– 18.00, Monday 12 October 2015, Room G02, The Bartlett School of Architecture, 140 Hampstead Road,
London, NW1 2BX

In this symposium speakers will consider how ethics is practised in exchange with others. Universities tend to have clear guidelines on the ethical procedures involved in gaining informed consent when interviewing subjects, but these often do not consider the subjective experiences and emotional affects of gathering verbal and visual materials. Geography, psychoanalysis, ethnography/ anthropology, political science, architectural design and the visual/performing arts offer a more nuanced and conceptual understanding of the possible spatial, cultural and political settings involved in conversing. Drawing on their own experiences as students, supervisors, practitioners and researchers, speakers will draw out questions around the spatial positions we take up when speaking and listening, how these are informed by the psychic structures of subject-object relations, and power dynamics around seeing/being seen, speaking/being heard, and vary according to practice and discipline.

Speakers include: Professor Lesley Caldwell (Psychoanalysis Unit and Department of Italian, UCL), Professor Ger Duijzings (University of Regensburg), Dr Mohamad Hafeda (Febrik and Leeds Beckett University), Dr Sophie Handler (University of Manchester), Dr Sharon Kivland (Sheffield Hallam University), Professor Jan Kubik (Director of the School for Slavonic and Eastern European Studies, UCL), Cecilie Sachs Olsen (zURBS and Queen Mary, University of London), Professor Steve Pile (Open University).

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Sophie Handler, *Civil Twilight* (2008). Photograph: Verity-Jane Keefe, Ageing Facilities.