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Territories

Territory is one of the central political concepts of the modern world. Terra, land, earth, refers not only to the materiality of the ground but to the concepts of place, ownership and possession. Territories can be explored, divided, imagined and fought over. They can be mined, exploited, shared or stolen.

This workshop explores how the ground upon which the concept of territories is built may be shifting as humanity concerns itself with outer space. It asks how a move to outer space shifts our thinking on territory.

This workshop invites ten academics from different backgrounds in the social sciences, humanities and arts to think through the concept of territory. If humans are to leave Earth, then we need a new conceptual Atlas in our toolbox as foundational concepts such as territory are disrupted.

Programme

9.30	Welcome coffee
10.00	Introduction
10.10	Website + layout
10.30	Thinking with atlases
Teresa Casti Université Sorbonn	
11.00	Territory off-terra
Rory Rowan Trinity College Dublin	
11.30	Break
11.45	Inhabiting outer space from Africa

Davide Chinigò

University for Foreigners of Perugia

12.15

Satellite underworld

Dr Mia Bennett

University of Washington

Artist-in residence

...on a Martian Analogue

Sarah Fortais

12.45

COSS Artist-in Residence

13.15 Lunch

14.15 Outer space driftwork

Nigel Clark Bronislaw Szerszynski
Lancaster University Lancaster University

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Drawing lines in the Selene sand

14.45

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Legal geographies of space law

Alban Guyomarc'h Paris Panthéon Assas University

15.15 Planetary being

Lisa Messeri Yale University

15.45 Break

The Hawaiian shirt

16.15

...is the uniform of the off-duty astronaut

Hi'ilei Julia Hobart Yale University 16.45 The deadly life of a lump of metal

Julie Michelle Klinger

University of Delaware

Romain Richaud

University of Delaware

17.15 Discussion

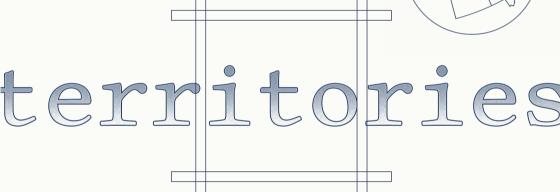
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Rice University

17.45 Reception



How might territories be imagined otherwise or rather how might it solidify existing power dynamics in new ways? As companies and space agencies start to talk of mining the Moon we can ask questions as to who owns the Moon, who has the right to the territory? How does space exploration shift notions of place, territory and rights to it on Earth?



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